

My Roots
The Hambys of Rabun County Georgia
and
The Coxes of Gilmer County Georgia
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Forward

My father, Mel Cox (1926-2002), wrote this genealogy of his family in about 1995.

Although he had a computer, he was working in the age before web-based genealogical research was common and effective. He bought a microfilm reader to examine reels that he bought or borrowed. He was a people person and made the most of his many contacts among the family. I have not found many errors in his work.

There was one mistake which he could not reasonably have avoided. Ironically, he did not know who his father really was. Although he was Marcus L. Cox III, genetic testing of his sons since his death shows that he was *not* the son of Marcus L. Cox, Jr. Despite that, this document still stands as a good piece of research on the Cox family of Gilmer County, Georgia, the Hamby family of Rabun County, Georgia, and their many relatives.

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-James M. Cox, March 31, 2018

Preface

This little booklet was started in 1993 as almost a bare bones family tree. This tree in addition to tracking from my roots down to me and my grandchildren branched off many times to include cousin's branches (for example some of the descendants of my grandparents brothers and sisters). And also the roots of other families that married into the main tree but were not my parents or grandparents (for example, the Mozeley/Sloan and Crisler/Shankle roots). Thus is more than just my roots or just the descendants of just my progenitors. Maybe its several trees whose roots and limbs grew together at many points.

My son and I published a preliminary version in early 1994. We kept the prose to a very minimum, but even while compiling that version I felt the desire to put in more words to flesh out the tree with the color of various places, times, and people. More data of that ilk has come to hand and this version includes some of that.

The Sources

Most of my data on my origins in Gilmer County has come from data "compiled by Willie Cox, Ruth Perry Cornelius & Louise Cox Sikes; copied by Ruth E. Cox." I borrowed this data in 1973/74 and copied it. I have recently requested and obtained from my Cox cousins updates on deaths, marriages and births. Some additional data has come from gravestones in the Ellijay cemetery and from old newspaper clippings such as obituaries and marriage notices. This data was collected and sent to me by a dear gentleman and family friend, Dan Westmoreland, of Ellijay. And I have checked most of the early data (pre 1880) against census data. But census data of 1840 and prior lists only the head of the household by name. Others are listed only as male or female and by age group. These groups widen as you go back in time and its very difficult to identify a Richard Cox of 1790 in North Carolina with a Richard Cox of 1820 in Habersham Co., Georgia. However such checks as I made would affirm that the Coxes kept very good records and did effective research.

In describing the Coxes of Gilmer Co., Ward¹ seems to have relied on the same Cox data which I had.

I have added several pages of Roberts family tree but which I have not been able to completely verify. My sister, Sue C. Giblin, recently “unearthed” two large charts, almost certainly in our Aunt Willie’s handwriting, which Aunt Willie had given her many years ago. This data has few dates (births, marriages, deaths) associated with it. It appears to date from about 1940. I have made some efforts to check this data and some of it agrees with data in Ward which seems to have come from another source. It also agrees in part with census data of 1860 and 1870.

My Rabun County data collection began in 1940 when my grandfather, John L. Hamby (1867–1948) gave me the bare essentials of his and my grandmothers lineage for as far back as he knew it. These were just the names of the fathers and mothers and dates of births and deaths when he knew them. He had a large family Bible where much of this data was recorded. My son, Jamie, now has that Bible. However there was a long hiatus in data collection until I retired in 1986.

The Rabun County data was much augmented by the publication in 1992 of *Rabun County Georgia and its People* by the Rabun County Heritage Book Committee. I also obtained copies of the 1830, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 1900 Rabun County censuses as compiled by John T. Coleman of Marietta, Georgia. I found enough obvious errors in the census data to make it suspect (due mostly to the poor penmanship of the “taker”) and although I was careful not to establish relationships that were not supported by items in the data, or by other sources, I may have erred in some “judgment calls.” Amazingly enough, it was possible to draw a reliable track from about 1850 to 1900. I made a few phone calls to some old-timers in Clayton (Rabun Co.) and to the county records office to obtain marriage record data or death certificate records to clear up some questions. My mother had also given me some data about the Earls of Clayton, which census data confirmed and added to.

I visited Clayton and Rabun Co. in late 1993. R.E.A. Hamby (1867-1945) had been my grandfather’s first cousin and lifelong friend. His granddaughters, “Fifi” McCraw and “Lissa” Beck, gathered much data on his family background and descendants. They also identified for me other old timers whom we visited. Harry Vinson at age 94, was a genuine delight, and clarified all sorts of confusion arising from raw census data. We visited several cemeteries and obtained more specific birth and death dates.

The Place, The Time

In a way, the beginnings of what I know of my family tree started with the beginnings of two counties in North Georgia just as the Cherokee Indians were being driven out of these areas. But in truth, most of these families came into these two counties from North and South Carolina. Indeed, we know of births and marriages which occurred in those states but our data is very sketchy of those earlier times. I have been fascinated by the geography of north Georgia and the early history of these two counties since both were so much a part of the lives of these families for more than 100 years.

The Appalachian Mountains rise inland from the eastern seaboard of the North American continent. They seem to be a series of long up-folds in the land that stretch from the tip of Quebec northeast of Maine, down through New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and eventually down into northern Georgia and Alabama where the gulf coastal plains finally stop their march to the southwest. From Pennsylvania southward the highest crest of the major easternmost fold of the Appalachians is called the Blue Ridge and the mountains and hills that form the crest and that tumble down on both sides are the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway seem to follow the line of this highest ridge.

But there is hardly a part of western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, or north Georgia where, weather permitting, some one of many blue ridges is not visible in the distance.

The next major up-fold of mountains to the west are the Allegheny Mountains in West Virginia and Pennsylvania but become the "Cumberland Plateau" in Tennessee. Between the two major up-folds is a broad smooth valley, that stretches from Pennsylvania to southern Tennessee.

To the north this valley is drained northward by the Shenandoah river and to the south it is drained mainly by the Clinch which becomes the Tennessee River. The Tennessee River penetrates the western up-fold at the north end of Lookout Mountain almost at the corner of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The Tennessee then meanders westward across northern Alabama but turns abruptly north

through western Tennessee to Kentucky where it empties into the Ohio, and then the Mississippi.

Not always coincident with the Blue Ridge is the Tennessee Valley Divide, a line that follows various ridges including some of the Blue Ridge. The Tennessee Valley Divide defines that ridge where on one side the drainage is toward the Tennessee River, and on the other side the drainage is toward the Atlantic or the Gulf of Mexico but not via the Tennessee River. This divide rises in North Carolina, comes into the northeastern tip of Georgia and meanders to the westward along the north Georgia border, sometimes to the north but often dipping southward well into Georgia. This divide is still called the Blue Ridge in western Georgia and eastern Tennessee with many peaks above 3000' and some above 4000'.

Another divide branches from the Blue Ridge/Tennessee Valley divide and runs generally southward as it divides drainage toward the Atlantic from drainage toward the Gulf of Mexico. This divide extends all the way into Florida.

Although the Blue Ridge and the major divides are distinctive features of the eastern range of the Appalachians many square miles of mountains and ridges and mountain rivers extend in between and alongside these like the Nantahala and Snowbird mountains of North Carolina and the Cohutta Wilderness of northwest Georgia. All of the border counties of North Carolina, Tennessee and north Georgia are tangled networks of ridges, peaks, and mountain streams. There are innumerable peaks, mounts, balds and tops and as many passes, gaps and ridges.

Nearly all of the land in North Carolina, Tennessee, north Georgia and northwestern South Carolina had been home to the Cherokees. Before the Revolutionary War the individual colonies had driven the Cherokees westward, often obtaining territory from the Cherokee Nation by treaties. After the adoption of the constitution in 1789 the Federal Government negotiated these treaties. As late as 1785 a treaty set the eastern boundary of the Cherokee Nation about 10 miles inside the present day northwest South Carolina border, that nation extended across all of north Georgia and western North Carolina.

This line was moved westward by treaties of 1817 and 1819. The northern portion of this concession in Georgia became Rabun Co. in

December of 1819. It was surveyed into lots in 1820 and the lots given to the winners in a lottery in 1820 or 1821. A county seat was established at Clayton in December, 1823. Thus formal settlement of the county began about 1820. The Federal census of 1820 counted 524 people in this new county.

There were similar moves westward in North Carolina and the Cherokees established their new capitol at New Echota, near present day Calhoun, in northwest Georgia in 1817. There, in 1835, the Cherokees signed a treaty ceding the rest of north Georgia to the US in exchange for dollars and a similar tract in Oklahoma and their removal there. Since all Cherokees did not agree with this, a potentially explosive situation developed, that ended only when Federal, state and local militias rounded up the Cherokees and started them on the "Trail of Tears" in 1838. A lot of these Cherokees had actually joined with General Andrew Jackson to drive the Creeks out of Georgia in 1813 and 1814.

But the State of Georgia began formalizing the ownership and settlement of this territory before the treaty was signed. It was surveyed in 1831, a lottery conducted and counties created in 1832. One of these was Gilmer County and Ellijay became the county seat in December 1834. A census in 1834 listed 369 persons in this county.

I have highlighted these two counties because my earliest knowledge of my family roots are people who settled in these counties shortly after their formation.

My father, Marcus L. Cox (Jr.), was the product of several generations that lived in or near Ellijay, Ga. in Gilmer County.

Ellijay lies below a northern bulge of the Blue Ridge – the Ridge lies about 9 miles northeast of Ellijay, passes through the town of Blue Ridge about 15 miles NNE of Ellijay and then about 8 miles north of Ellijay. The Ellijay river drains the south side of this bulge and empties eventually into the Gulf of Mexico at Mobile, Ala. The southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail is at Springer Mountain only 17 miles east and a little south of Ellijay.

My mother was Cora Lee Hamby who was the product of several generations that lived near Clayton, Ga. in Rabun County. Clayton lies just south of the Tennessee Valley Divide, in this case about 3 miles south of a southern bulge in the divide that enters Georgia about 10

miles northeast of Clayton and reenters North Carolina about 9 miles northwest of Clayton, where it promptly makes a curve about the headwaters of the Tallulah River and reenters Georgia about 14 miles west-northwest of Clayton. Just north of Clayton is the valley of the Little Tennessee which eventually feeds the Tennessee and Ohio rivers. To the east of Clayton, the southeastern slope of the divide feeds the Chattooga river, which although flowing here to the southwest, eventually joins the Tallulah River and they proceed Atlantic ward as the Tugaloo river. The creeks that drain this slope have cut valleys and gorges in the face of the slope and between are left ridges. One ridge of specific interest is Hale Ridge that angles southeast from Rabun Bald (part of the divide and the second highest peak in Georgia). Hale ridge is defined on the east by Pounding Mill Creek and on the west by Sarah's Creek which forms Apple Valley.

A great deal of historical data exists about these two regions of north Georgia i.e. Gilmer County and Rabun County. About the first: *The annals of Upper Georgia centered in Gilmer County*, by George Gordon Ward, copyright 1965, The Parthenon Press, Nashville, Tenn. The latter: *Sketches of Rabun County History*, by Andrew Jackson Ritchie Copyright 1948, Copple House Books, Inc, Lakemont, Georgia and *Rabun County and its People, Vol I* copyright 1992 by Rabun county Heritage Book Committee and Don Wills, Inc. Ward makes many references to the Coxes of Ellijay and Ritchie to the Hambys of Clayton. *Rabun County and its People, Vol I* contains many articles contributed by the Hambys and their kin.

A tremendous insight into the living conditions in the mountains of the region can be gained from reading the *Foxfire* books and the *Foxfire magazine*. One issue of *Foxfire Magazine* (Fall 1986) has an article devoted to the Hale Ridge community where early Speeds and Hambys lived.

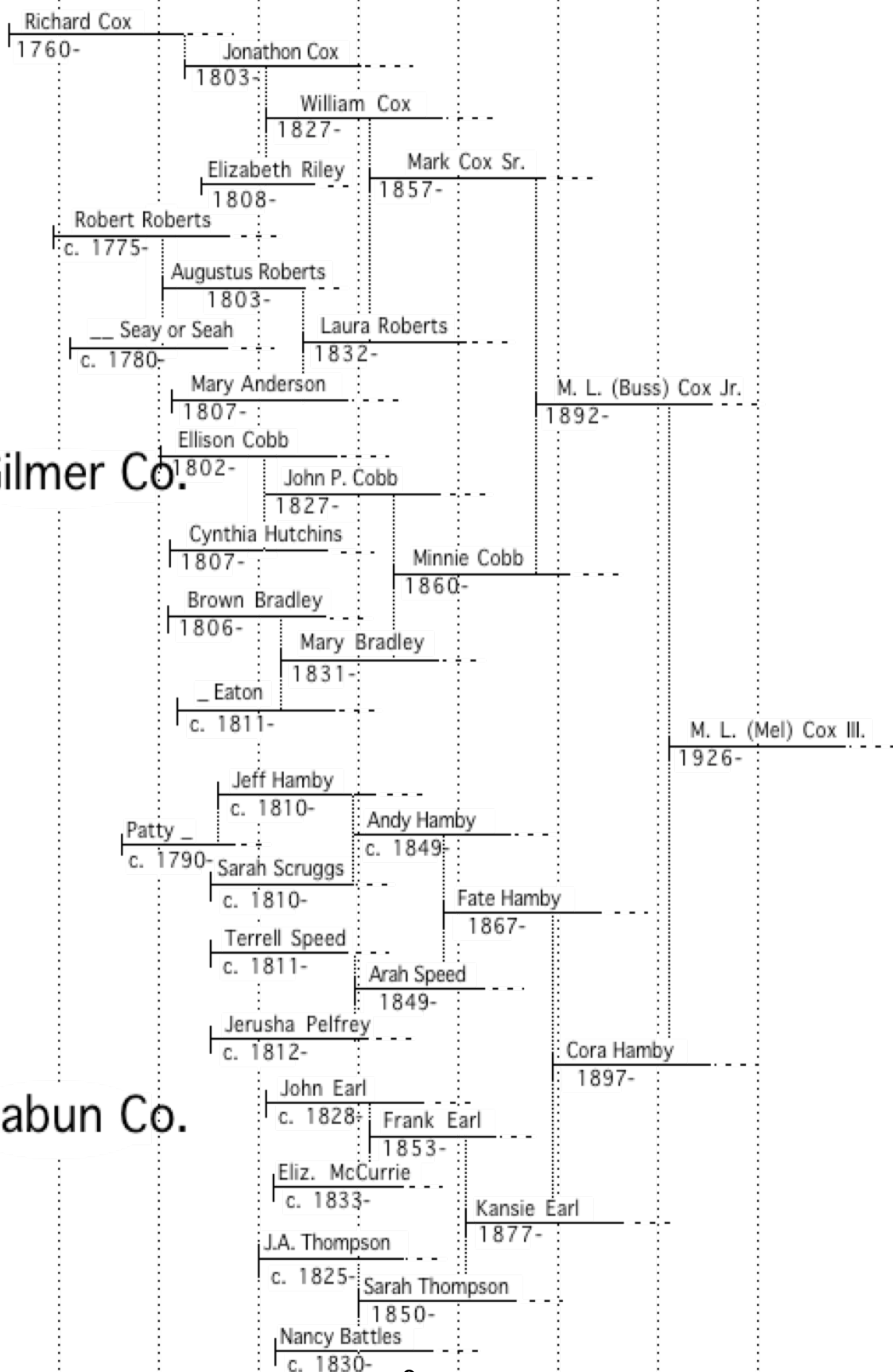
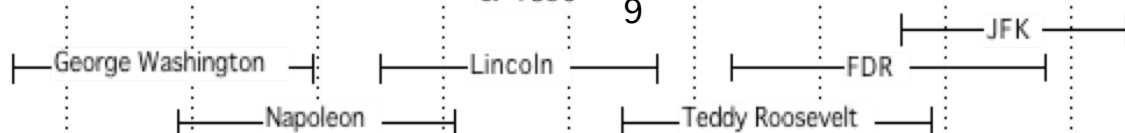
The chart on the next page shows my bare-bones ancestral tree back as far as I know it and relates the generations to broader historical events and contemporaries. The earliest Coxes, Richard and two sons, Richard Jr. and Jonathon, came to Gilmer Co. close to 1835. Indeed, Jonathon was in the militia that rounded up the Cherokees in 1838.

The Time Frame: Birth Dates, Contemporaries & Wars

1750 1775 1800 1825 1850 1875 1900 1925 1950

Gilmer Co.

Rabun Co.



And Jeff Hamby was in Rabun Co. at least by 1836 when he bought a lot on the southern end of Hale Ridge.

Part I

Rabun County Roots

My mother was born Cora Lee Hamby in 1897 in Rabun County, Georgia. I will trace the earlier families down at least to the Hamby connection. Her parents moved from Rabun Co. about 1900 first to Pueblo, Colorado, and then to Ellijay in Gilmer County, Georgia about 1910 where my mother married my father. I will pick up on my father's roots later. I have included other side-line families (Mozeley/Sloan and Crisler/Shankle) that help trace R.E.A. Hamby's descendants.

The Mozeley Family

David Mozeley and Elizabeth Terrel Mozeley moved to Rabun County, GA from the Pickensville district of SC.

their child

1A Henry Terrell Mozeley (b 7-14-1801, SC, d 3-2-1885)

He was Rabun Co. census taker in 1850.

m 3-17-1835

Esther Carruth Sloan (b 8-20-1812, SC, d 2-9-1899)

their children

2A David Edwin Mozeley (b 5-20-1836, Rabun Co., d 3-27-1869)

2B Elizabeth Catharine Mozeley (b 3-12-1838, Rabun Co., d 9-21-1914)

2C Mary Evaline Mozeley (b 1-26-1840, Rabun Co., d 11-27-1893)

m

James Robertson McKinney (b 1823, d 1907)

2D William Sloan Mozeley (b 11-4-1841, d 7-9-1898)

m 11-18-1866

Nancy Caroline Hopper (b 8-9-1842, Rabun Co., d 10-16-1916)

their children

3A James Thomas Mozeley (d an infant)

3B Easter Malinda Mozeley (d an infant)

3C Henry Terrell Mozeley (b 9-17-1870, d 3-30-1935)

m

Alma Winter

3D William Marcus Eugene Mozeley (b 1-3-1874, d 2-17-1959)

m 12-12-1898

Ollie Fuller

3E Nancy Genelia Mozeley (b 3-12-1876, d 3-22-1956, Clayton, GA)
m 6-23-1895
Robert Edward Alexander "Bob" **Hamby** (b 8-6-1867, Rabun Co.,
d 12-20-1945, Clayton, GA) (see pp 28)

3F Eva Savannah Mozeley (b 3-9-1878, d 11-23-1951)
m 2-19-1899
Charles A. Rogers

3G Lula Roxie Mozeley (b 7-17-1880, d 1-5-1965)
m 1-4-1899
D. L. Justus

3H Dora Texas Mozeley (b 4-23-1883, d 12-8-1961)
m 1-4-1903
John Claud Green

2E Thomas M. Mozeley (b c 1844, GA)

2F Esther S. Mozeley (b c 1846, GA)

2G Henry T. Mozeley (b c 1848, GA)

The Crisler / Short Family

1A Jephtha Smith Crisler (b 8-31-1816, d 1854)

m

Elizabeth Shankle

their child:

2A Etherlinda Luticia Crisler

m

George Lumpkin Short

their children:

3A Dooly Columbus Short

3B Charles Howard Short (b 8-27-1881, d 2-26-1952, Commerce, GA)

m (Jackson Co., GA)

Margaret Jane Suddath (b 4-15-1878, d 2-14-1950, Commerce,

GA)

(Daughter of Lafayette Henderson Suddath m

Sara "Sally" Adeline Parks)

their children:

4A Lewis Short

4B Pierce Short

4C Perry Webb Short (b 7-11-1909, Commerce, GA, d 8-14-1969

Clayton)

m

Nannie Lee **Hamby** (b 9-22-1910 Clayton, d 10-12-1992 Clay-

ton)

(see pp 30)

4D Mildred Luticia Short

m 1)

Ivan Laverne Knight (b , d 4-7-1977)

their children:

5A Barbara Ann Knight (b 8-13-1938)

5B Alma Vivian Knight

5C William Mallard Knight

4E Margaret Ruth Short

m

Hugh Patrick McShane

their children:

5A Margaret Short McShane

5B Patrick Kendall McShane

4F Paul Suddath Short (b 2-6-1911)

m

Marian

their children:

5A Charles Howard Short

5B Paul Steven Short

The Earl Family

1A John A. Earl (b NC)

m c.1850

Elizabeth McCurrie (b TN)

their son:

2A Joshua Franklin "Frank" Earl (b 7-16-1853, Swain Co. NC

d 8-13-1939, Rabun Co., GA)

m 1) c.1870

Sara Josephine **Thompson** (b 11-16-1850, Swain Co. NC,

d 3-13-1889, Rabun Co., GA)

Sara was the daughter of John (or James) A. Thompson and Nancy A. Battles. Frank and Sara, along with infant Nancy are listed in the 1870 census of Rabun Co. I think this was a short stay and they returned to Swain Co. NC, but moved to Rabun County about 1882.

their children:

3A Nancy Earl (b 1870, NC)

3B John A. Earl (b c.1874 NC)

m (lived in Lakemont, Rabun Co., GA)

3C Sarah Earl (b c.1875 NC)

m (moved to Montana)

Jasper Langston (b Rabun Co., GA)

3D Everitt Earl (b c.1876, NC)

m (moved to Plant City, FL)

"Mamie"

3E Lura Kansie Earl (b 11-30-1877, Bryson City, NC

d 1-1-1953, Gilmer Co., GA)

m 1-20-1895, Rabun Co., GA (Moved to Gilmer Co. c.1910)

John LaFayette "Fate" **Hamby** (b 7-29-1867,

Pine Mountain, Rabun Co., GA,

d 2-7-1948, Gilmer Co., GA) (see pp 35)

3F Amanda J. Earl (b c.1880, NC)

m (moved to Lake Wales, FL)

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3G Herman Lucas Earl (b c.1884, Rabun Co. GA) (moved to Sparta, GA)

3H Nora Earl (b c.1886, Rabun Co. GA)

m (moved to Elizabeth City, NC)

Edgar James Lambert

3I William Franklin Earl (b 2-1-1889, Rabun Co., d 7-5-1889, Rabun Co.)

2A (Joshua Franklin "Frank" Earl)

m 2) 1-8-1890

Emily Caroline "Carrie" Bleckley (b 6-9-1861, Rabun Co.,
d 4-4-1894, Rabun Co.)

their child

3J Lela Belle Earl (b c.1892, GA)

m (moved to Plains, GA)

Oscar Albert Williams

2A (Joshua Franklin "Frank" Earl)

m 3) 1-10-1900

Lela Margaret Bleckley, sister to "Carrie" above

(b 2-8-1865, Rabun Co., d 4-7-1937, Rabun Co.)

(Frank and Lela Earl operated the "Earl House" resort hotel in Rabun County, GA from 1903 into the 1930s. The Earl House was about 1/2 mile east of the center of Clayton and burned 15 April, 1940.)

their children:

3K Edward Bleckley Earl (b 6-23-1901, Rabun Co., d 7-5-1901, Rabun

Co.)

3L Louis Earl (b & d 5-18-1902, Rabun Co.)

My mother, Cora Hamby Cox, born 1897, remembered being in the Earl House at the time of a child's death.

The Speed Family

The Speed family, and the Hamby family which follows, along with many other families, lived in the Hale Ridge Community for several generations. In 1993, almost no one lived on Hale Ridge, most of it having been bought up by the US Forest Service in the early part of this century to become a part of the Chattahoochee National Forest. The Forest Service and the CCC in the '30s paved Warwoman Rd. from Clayton to Pine Mountain, GA, in the extreme northeastern tip of Rabun Co. and Georgia. Warwoman Rd. skirts the southeastern tip of Hale Ridge about two miles short of Pine Mountain. The Forest Service also maintains a graded and cleared (but rough and rocky) road that winds up Hale Ridge to the top of the "Blue Ridge" at the North Carolina border, near Scaly, NC. Hale Ridge Road passes about a mile from the peak of Rabun Bald, the second highest mountain in Georgia. As the crow flies, about six miles, but more than 10 on your cars odometer.

About five miles from the southern end of Hale Ridge Rd. lies the site of the old Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Hale Ridge Cemetery. Where the church stood, an open sided shelter has been maintained where a Hale Ridge Homecoming is held every year. Along the remainder of Hale Ridge Road there are no signs, houses, or even chimneys remaining, just mountain forest scenery. What may have been cleared for farming is now completely reforested. The Hamby school, long gone, and the Hamby cemetery still there, lie just to the west of the south end of Hale Ridge Road. We are told that the old Hale Ridge Road and its continuation down Dick's Creek to a ford of the Chattooga River and into South Carolina was part of a trading route from Highland, NC, down into SC. An old Speed cemetery lies on a knob not far from the old ford across the Chattooga.

The Foxfire magazine in 1986 interviewed several people who had grown up and lived on Hale Ridge. Among them were members of the Hamby family, Lewis Hamby, his sister, Nora and Fay Teague Barron. You will find these listed later. But they also talked to Fred Galloway, his wife, Annie May, and his sister, Mary Jane Galloway McCoy. This last said, as they rode up Hale Ridge Road; "I like this ol' mountain. It has so many memories, and seventy-five years ago there were people scattered all over the side of it!" Let's record what they had to say:

FRED GALLOWAY: I was born at Pickens County, South Carolina in 1902. I have two brothers and two sisters. There was five of us, Robert Galloway, then me, then Mary Jane [McCoy], brother Vis Galloway has been dead several years now, and Kancie [Gravley]. We moved to Hale Ridge around 1907. I was about five years old.

My mother's daddy and mother, Alfred and Mary Smith, along with my great-granddaddy, already lived at Hale Ridge. That's where we would come to see them, and that's why my folks, Randolph and Annie Smith Galloway, decided to move there.

I can remember about Hale Ridge from the time I was about five years old when Daddy and Mother became members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church at Hale Ridge. Daddy and Mother left us with Grandma Smith and they went to the altar. I can remember that, and where they were baptized at, and I was just a little kid.

I didn't join a church until I was about forty years old, when I joined the Baptist church down on Pleasant Hill. [When the membership declined so much at Mount Zion that we no longer had services there, many of the members went to Pleasant Hill Baptist.]

I went to the Mount Zion Church up at Hale Ridge as long as there were enough folks around to have a crowd. There was pretty big country back yonder way and up Apple Valley and all around, so that was a pretty big church to begin with when I was a boy.

I can remember three or four families very well that were living up there when we moved to Hale Ridge—the Hambys, the Metcalfs, Smiths, and Addie Speed. Preacher Metcalf lived on up the road from us along with the Speeds. Everyone was so scattered about!

We had no stores at Hale Ridge. Our closest store was Pine Mountain, over at the road where you turn up to go to Highlands [North Carolina] and Walhalla [South Carolina]. Right along there was the Pine Mountain Store. You could buy food, clothing and anything you needed from there. That was about ten miles from us and we walked generally. Sometimes we'd take a wagon, but I've walked many of a trip.

There was a post office, too, at Pine Mountain but nothing at Hale Ridge except a church, school, and folks that lived around the ridge. They made their living farming. Many ranged their stock out into the woods. They had their farmland all fenced up with ol' chestnut rails which made their fences. We always had our own vegetables and our own cornfed meat. We raised hogs in the woods for our meat. We had to milk our cows to have milk and butter. I remember that I had to feed the stock everyday and tote in some wood. The wood was used in the fireplace. I remember that we cooked some on the fireplace. The little cabin that we first lived in had puncheon floors and had room enough for a fireplace, two beds, and a small kitchen, all in the same room. My whole family at that time- Mom, Dad, Robert, me and Mary Jane - lived in that log cabin.

There were two schools at Hale Ridge that I remember. [I first went to] Hamby School and then the Hale Ridge School was established. We used the Mount Zion Church for several sessions of school. Then they built a little school house out this way from where the church was. Joe Blackwell was the first teacher we had up there; then

there was Maude James from up in the edge of the Flats right close to the North Carolina line. She married and then her sister, Miss Edna James, came and taught us for a year or two. We had a pretty good crowd of kids until they got big enough to work much and then they went off to work [full-time]. They didn't go to school like they do this day'n'time. I got to about the seventh grade in our country school, but I didn't learn too good until I had to quit. Then from that time, I worked on Morton Simmons' apple orchard up there around from the back of the church. I then moved about from orchard to orchard.

When I wasn't working, sometimes some of us kids would go out in the woods and we'd have a little ball game. We made a homemade ball out of yarn and thread. We made a bat out of a board or a piece of lumber.

My dad's first job after we moved to Hale Ridge was with the Three State Lumber Company (North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia). He cut timber back through the woods, built dams, and ponded logs down the [Chattooga] River which were to float to Augusta. They then drug them out and sawed'em up. 'Course, I don't know exactly how. They must have had a drag to pull them out of the river.

He worked there for awhile and then got into the apple orchard business. He pruned trees and sprayed them. Then when the apples put ripe on, he got 'em and boxed 'em before he sent them off. He changed about and set up from one company to another 'till he finally moved to Apple Valley. There he bought a little tract of land and a house. We fixed it up pretty good.

ANNIE MAE GALLOWAY, Fred's Wife: My father's name was Jefferson Speed. I was born on Dick's Creek in 1906 and lived there till I was ten. We lived in a log built house down on Warwoman Road going toward South Carolina.

I went to the Pleasant Hill Church. Fred came to this church after the Mount Zion no longer had services, and that's how I met him. A month or two before Fred and I were to be married, I went up on Hale Ridge to help him pick apples. I stayed there with his mother and daddy.

[The two of us] got married in my daddy's house. We married in November of 1925 just before I turned twenty. [We didn't go] on a honeymoon. I just automatically moved in with Fred and his family on Hale Ridge. Our first daughter, Lucy [Cannon] was born at Hale Ridge in 1926. Then Dot [Ezell] was born in Apple Valley after we moved there from Hale Ridge. Floyd, Lawton, and Carl were born after Dot. Then after we built and moved to this house [on Warwoman], Maynard, Freddy, Burnell, and Verena [Burnette] were born.

LEWIS HAMBY AND NORA HAMBY HUSCUSSON

LEWIS: I was born at Hale Ridge and [lived there until] I was about twelve years old. I'll tell you. It was a good place. I enjoyed it. There were a lot of people in that country. I can remember several of the families that lived there - the Smiths, the Whites, Metcalfs, Speeds, Teagues, Blackwells, Billingsleys. I guess they were there when I

was born and still there when I left. That country wasn't laying in the woods like it is now. I lived a half mile out, not far, from Fred Galloway. Most of the houses were far apart. I had to walk a mile or two, except to Fred's who lived closest to us. We played together many a day. We were big buddies. For fun, we would climb bushes, climb up on trees. We did everything we could to have something to do.

Our father was Logan Hamby. We had a brother named after our Daddy, Logan, Jr. Our mother was Lonnie Hamby. [There were eleven children in our family. There are five of us brothers and sisters left out of eleven. John Hamby in Williamston, South Carolina, Ethel Lee Hopkins, Mildred Thompson, Nora Huscusson, and me. I'm seventy-eight and Nora's seventy-six.

[For a living at Hale Ridge, my father] farmed and did a little of what we called peddling. We'd go down to South Carolina with a wagon and sell stuff. We'd be gone eight and ten days at a time. We sold whatever we could - there wasn't much in the fields, just a little cabbage.

The only store close to us was what they call Pine Mountain. If we had to have anything, we'd walk down the road, get it the hard way. It wasn't much of a road - a big trail, but good wagon road. It was five or six miles down there from where we lived. We didn't to to the stores in Clayton until we moved up here.

[The Mount Zion Church] was the only one over there. I didn't join because I left [as a young boy]. I went to school, what little I did, at the Hamby School. That was my first one and I went there one or two years. [It was called Hamby School] because that's all that lived in the vicinity. Silas Ledford taught there.

NORA: When we went to the new Hale Ridge School, Edna James was our teacher. She was from Scaly but boarded with Mary Jane [Galloway] and her family. Back then they didn't have transportation and it was three or four miles up to Scaly. I remember Hale Ridge School. It was a little log school house, and we had to go down to a little spring to get water. I remember going to that spring a lot.

There were some people who lived out there - used to have a summer house - the Martins and the Simpsons. They were from Clemson [South Carolina]. Mr. Martin had a daughter the same age as me and we played together like nobody's business! We played ! We had homemade play houses. We'd clear out a place and get rocks to make dressers and beds, and get leaves for the beds and all that. We had little dolls carved out of a wood stick. My other playmates were my sisters and brothers and some of the other children right around there.

LEWIS: We didn't have much Christmas. We had fruit and candies and stuff like that. We hung our stockings up along the mantle of the big fireplace.

[We moved out before the Forest Service bought up that land.] Folks up there fiddled around and the Forest Service got a'holt of it. I don't know exactly how.

NORA: We didn't have to move out, just wanted to go find a better school. [We were isolated.] I was about six when we moved out of Hale Ridge. We moved in a covered wagon from Hale Ridge to Clayton. It took several trips with just one wagon. We used mules at that time. My daddy borrowed a mule from Uncle Cadwell to work with the one we had and made a team. It took about one day one way because there

weren't any good roads. We lived there a short time and then went back to Hale Ridge for another year or so. Then we moved out again.

[I remember the first time we rode in a car.] I wasn't but about seven years old. We lived over behind Camp Pinnacle and the road over there was just deep mud. We were walking along and Dr. Dover came along in that car and he stopped. He said, "All right, come on, kids, get in the car and I'll take you on to school in town."

I was scared to death of the thing. Lewis climbed in and I did, too. I said, "Boy Mama'll whip us!" Dr. Dover heard it and just made a joke out of it. He told Mama about it later.

MARY JANE MCCOY: My mother and daddy, Randolph and Annie Smith Galloway, came from Rosman, North Carolina to Hale Ridge when I was a year old. I grew up my whole life there. I've known it since I can remember. My father moved there because he had nothing to do. He had to support Mother and five children, three brothers, my sister and me. Daddy bought a little piece of ground and we lived there. We lived in just a little old log house with an upstairs and downstairs. There was a partition in the middle to make two rooms [downstairs] and a porch off one side. There was a ladder to the upstairs where the boys slept in homemade straw tick beds.

[We knew about Hale Ridge because my grandparents lived there.] Granddaddy Smith lived up there and then he later moved away and sold his property to my father. Granddaddy Smith farmed for a living at Hale Ridge and made little gardens and raised a hog or two and chickens like other people. He and his family moved to Greenville [South Carolina] where they could get work in the cotton mills.

I started to the Hamby School when I was around five years old to learn a little before the next school year. It was just a little ol' country school. Then they [decided to build] a school closer to us. There was a [temporary] school there in the Mount Zion Baptist Church for a while. We didn't have desks, then, just long benches that were used in the church. We wrote however we could. Then they built us a regular school house, the Hale Ridge School. I didn't go any further than fifth grade. We went to school about three months of the year when we couldn't be working in the cornfields. The first teacher I had was Mr. Joe Blackwell from Scaly. We just had one little ol' book to study. I still know most everybody that went there to school at that time. That's been a long time ago. They're all grown old and lots of them passed on.

We had to walk or take a wagon with slow poking mules. We didn't know what a car was! The first car I ever saw was when I was six or seven years old. It was amazing to us. Mother and Daddy understood it, but we were scared of it. We thought it would run over us. I can also remember when the streets in Clayton were just boardwalks. We didn't know what electricity was either! Somebody put in a few lights and now it's finally accumulated so that we've all got lights here now. That's life for you!

The only church was the Mount Zion Baptist and the only cemetery is the one there now. There might be another cemetery over in the Apple Valley section. (That's another place where the people bought up the land and made apple orchards. That country up there was pretty with apple trees.) The Mount Zion Church had a congregation of around fifty. We sat on long benches. The first pastor I knew was Preacher

Metcalf. He and his wife lived down the road [from the church]. He was the only pastor around, although some other preachers came in now and then to have a service. The church has been burned down for a long time. We don't know whatever happened to it. It could have been an electrical storm that set it on fire. It could have been somebody camping. You never know. That's the place we go every year to the reunion, the first Sunday in September. They have a nice service in the morning under the shed that stands where the old church burned. You just talk to your friends and meet the people that you haven't met.

The cemetery is there. A lot of my folks and relatives are laid away in that cemetery and that's where I have a place. My oldest boy, Ernest was put away up there on April 20. He would have been sixty-three years old on May 7.

There used to be a lot of people living there in the old country. I remember the Speeds, Teagues, Hambys, Metcalfs, McCoys, Galloways, and Smiths. I went to school and church with Buck Carver. The Carvers were Uncle Zed, Margie, Nina, Flora, Ann and Buck. We played together. The Teagues and all their bunch of children lived there until they moved out from Hale Ridge and went to Greenville [South Carolina] to work in the mill. That was better for them. They could make a living. They couldn't make much up there on the little old farms. The Speeds moved out on Warwoman and back through Dick's Creek section. The Hambys sold out to those people from Clemson College. It has been a long time since I have talked to all my school friends and I would like to talk to those girls, but one or two of them have passed away by now. That's why the reunion is important. You run into some of the folks you used to know. It's important.

There wasn't much work at Hale Ridge. They had apples and naturally sold them. Some would farm their piece of ground, pretty good sized. The men made crossties and cut wood to sell for timber. Most people moved out eventually. They didn't exactly have to move out, but the government began to buy up the ground for timbering about 1910 or so. The little church place and one other place is all that's left that the government doesn't own. They began to buy parts where they could get someone to sell. George Kell's daddy was the man who came around offering prices for the land. People moved into the [Rabun Gap] valley a lot quicker than into Clayton over the mountain and they could get work in the valley. [My husband and I] moved into the valley in the late 1920s. We sold the piece of ground up there in Hale Ridge and bought a piece down there in Rabun Gap. Daddy moved out [of Hale Ridge] four years later.

I met my husband when I lived at Hale Ridge. We went to church at the same place. I was too young to marry, I guess. I was sixteen, going on seventeen. All of us girls did the same thing. You could ask the Carver girls and my girlfriends. They generally married young, anywhere from sixteen to twenty. You never saw any grown-up, single girls twenty years old. Most of the boys were older [when they married]. I don't know why that happened.

My husband's name was James Ernest McCoy. We had three boys, Ernie, Jack and Jimmy. My husband did the same thing as the rest for a living. He farmed and worked on the apple orchard down around Apple Valley.

FAY TEAGUE BARRON: [My grandfather was] Andy Hamby. My mother's name was Linnie Hamby Teague. She's been dead for fifteen years. I've heard my mother and my grandfather talk about the Jim Kell thin skin apple. You see that [tree in the yard] bent over like that? It's been bent for years. It looks like it would turn over, but it's been that way for years, just like that. My mother bought it when it was just a little bitty thing from Hale Ridge and set it out there after we moved here. [It was from Rabun] Bald Mountain; Grandpa had plenty of them [thin skin] apple trees over there but they've died out now. That tree makes the best apple -best flavor you ever tasted. Everybody whoever tastes it says that. My grandfather also had a big ol' apple tree called Heady Sweets at Hale Ridge.

I went to that [Mount Zion] Church but I guess it is burned now. They have a homecoming there every first Sunday in September. Lots of people go to that.

I have a picture of a school group over at Hale Ridge in front of that church. I was only six years old and that was my first year of schooling. That school teacher was Silas Ledford and he was an awful smart man. He taught us the first time. I couldn't remember my "H". We were learning our ABCs and I just wet my finger and rubbed the "H" out of the book. He asked me when I went to class what went with that "H". I told him I rubbed it out because I couldn't learn it. He got a hickory and whipped me. I'll never forget that! I just thought I'd get rid of it! I learned this when I was going to school:

Old Mother Myra
She jumped in a fire
Fire was so hot
She jumped in a pot
Pot was so black
She jumped in a crack
Crack was so high
She jumped in the sky
Sky was so blue
She jumped in a canoe
Canoe was so long
She jumped in a pond
Pond was so deep
She jumped in a creek
Creek was so shallow
She jumped in a tallow
Tallow was so soft
She jumped in a log
Log was so rotten
She jumped in the cotton
Cotton was so white
She had to stay all night.

I learned that when I was a child over at Hale Ridge. Now things like that I can remember. Other things I can't. Here's a riddle for you:

As I went through Garden Gap, I met Dick Red Cap
With a stick in his hand and a stone in his throat.
If you'll unriddle that, I'll give you a goat!
(Answer: a cherry)

Now everybody has moved out from over there at Hale Ridge. We moved here
and we've been living here in one place for fifty-six years.

1A Terrill Speed (b 1811, SC, d 1-7-1877, Rabun Co.)

m

Jerusha Pelfrey (b 1812, NC, d Rabun Co.)

The Speeds came into Rabun County before 1840 and settled on Hale
Ridge where they stayed for many years.

their children:

2A Aderine "Addie" Speed (b 1835, Rabun Co., d Rabun Co.)

m

Levina "Vina" Snider (b 1840, d)

their children:

3A Bailey Speed (b 1866, Rabun Co.)

m

Sara Jones

3B Rebecca "Becky" Speed (b 1868, Rabun Co.)

3C Reno Datsun Speed (b 1870, Rabun Co.)

m

Fannie Wall

3D John Speed (Unmarried)

3E Henry Speed (Unmarried)

3F Julie Speed (b 1879, Rabun Co.)

m

Taylor Smith

3G Andrew Speed (b 1882, Rabun Co.)

m 12-23-1906

Callie **Hamby** (b 10-6-1890, Rabun Co., d 8-26-1965, Rabun Co.)

(see pp 36)

3H Ruth Speed

m

Thomas Teague

2B William Calvin Speed (b 1837, Rabun Co.)

m

Mary Kell

their children:

3A John Speed (b 1859)
 m
 Lotta E. Talley (b 1861)

3B Peter Andrew Speed (b 1862)
 m 1)
 Mary R. Thomas
 m 2)
 Jane Ledford

3C Andrew Speed (Twin to Peter Andrew, b 1862, Rabun Co.)
 m
 Sarah A. **Hamby** (b c.1864, Rabun Co.) (see pp 28)

3D Alphenetta Speed (b 1864)
 m
 Ellie Eddard or Edwards

3E Calvin Speed (b 1866)

3F Rebecca Speed (b 1867)
 m
 Will Wilson

3G Mary Speed
 m
 John Ledford

3H Martha Speed (b 1873)

3I Sarah Speed (b 1878)

2C Melinda Speed (b 1839, Rabun Co.)

2D John Speed (b 1841, Rabun Co.)

2E Emily Speed (b 1843, Rabun Co.)
 m 1) 1-10-1863
 Thomas Snider
 m 2) 1-1-1886
 William Austin Griggs

2F Mary or Nancy Speed (b 1845, Rabun Co.)

2G Tabitha Speed (b 1847, Rabun Co.)
 m
 Franklin Blackwell
their children:

3A Rebecca Blackwell (b 1880)
 m
 Seburn Preston Powell (b 1873, d 1965)

3B Mary Blackwell (b 1881, d 1963)
 m
 Albert Lee Garland

3C Joseph Blackwell (b 1882)
 m

Agnes Pearl Tanner
3D Jerusha Blackwell (b 1886, d 1972)
m
Alex James
3E Andrew Blackwell (b 1883, d 1933)
m
Ella Penland
3F John Lafayette Blackwell
2H Ary or Arah Adeline Speed (b 5-17-1849, Rabun Co., d 2-9-1924, Ra-
bun Co.)
m 9-13-1866
Andrew Jackson "Andy" **Hamby** (b 4-2-1849, Rabun Co.,
d 4-12-1925, Rabun Co.) (see pp 34)
2I Rebecca Speed (b 1851, Rabun Co.)
m
Henry B. Dotson

The Hamby Family

My grandfather, "Fate" Hamby, was able to give me his parents and his grandparents names with specificity: first, middle and last names. However he gave me none of their brothers or sisters. He also told me that he thought William Jefferson Hamby's mother was Patty (sic) Hamby. These families are easily identified in the 1850 census where Patsy, at age 60 lives alone "next door" to Jeff .i.e. is enumerated just after the Jeff household. The only Hamby household listed in 1840 (William Hamby) is probably them as well. I have accepted Ritchies description of Jeff's brother as Ezekiel Hamby who brought property adjacent to Jeff's at the foot of Hale Ridge and along Warwoman Creek. Ezekiel does not appear in the Rabun Co. census data. Ezekiel bought property in 1829 and 1831; Jeff in 1836. Other Hambys appear in the 1830 census and the 1830-1840 court records but I have been unable to establish any family connection. These early Hambys all came from SC before 1840. So here is the Hamby tree:

Patsy Hamby (b c.1790, SC, d c.1855, GA) .

her children:

1A Ezekiel Hamby
m 12-26-1836, Rabun Co.
Nelly Roach

1B William Jefferson "Jeff" Hamby (b c.1812 SC, d 4-13-1862, Rabun Co.)
m 1-14-1841 in Rabun Co, GA

Sarah A. Scruggs (b c.1805, SC, d 8-19-1854, Rabun Co.)

Polly Hamby, age 24, is listed in this family in the 1860 census along with Ezekiel, aged 10 months. Neither appears in earlier or later data. There is a gravestone at the Double Springs United Methodist Church in SC: "Polly Ann Hamby, 8-29-1835–7-22-1916." Jeff and Sarah lived in the Hale Ridge community and raised their children there. We can be sure that their beginnings were in a quite primitive log cabin. They had a total of nine children between 1839 and 1854. Shortly after the last, John Cadwell, was born Sarah died; and Jeff died eight years later in 1862. By 1870, two of the sons, William and John C. have set up a separate household, and Martha Hamby, age 75 who was born in SC is with them. Another son Marcus D.L. is not listed in the 1870 census.

And Andrew J, “Andy,” is married and is listed in a separate household. This leaves Martha 26, Mary Ann 24, Minerva 23, Frances 20, and Hulda Melinda 18, in one household with their six children. This household further divided in the years ahead. All of Jeff and Sara’s children, except Marcus D. L. continued to live on Hale Ridge until at least 1900. Living conditions changed little over these 60 years of settlement on Hale Ridge and the surrounding acres. It remained relatively remote from Clayton, the county seat. It was easier to get to the Post Office and general store at the cross roads of Pine Mountain, and easier to get to markets and stores in South Carolina. Roads improved only slightly; apple trees matured and bore fruit but farming with oxen or mules remained the way of life. Pigs were raised; chestnuts were still prolific throughout the forest and these fattened the pigs. Some of these families were still living primitively in this community in 1930.

their children:

2A William J. Hamby (b 6-10-1839, Rabun Co., d 4-26-1917, Rabun Co.)
(nowhere referred to as Jr., middle name never spelled out)
Apparently he never married. William J. Hamby enlisted 3-10-1862 in the “Beauregard Braves” and was drawing a pension in 1891 for Confederate service.

2B Martha A. Hamby (b c.1841, Rabun Co.) Listed in brother William’s household in 1880, not listed in 1900

her child:

3A Sarah A. Hamby (b c.1864, Rabun Co.)
m

Andrew **Speed** (b 1862, Rabun Co.) (see pp 25)

2C Marcus D. Lafayette Hamby (b c.1843, Rabun Co.) Last account 1860 census.

2D Mary Ann Hamby (b 5-26-1844, Rabun Co., d 5-11-1923, Rabun Co.)
Listed as Head of Household in 1880 and in 1900.

her children:

3A Calvin Hamby (b c.1864, Rabun Co., died in Alabama)

3B Robert Edward Alexander “Bob” Hamby (b 8-6-1867, Rabun Co.
d 12-20-1945, Clayton, GA)
m 6-23-1895, Clayton

Nancy Genelia **Mozeley** (b 3-12-1876, d 3-22-1956 Clayton) (see pp 12)

their children:

4A Grace Eugenia Hamby (b 4-29-1896, Clayton, d 9-1-1954)
m 5-29-1922
Jarrel Hogg Brewer (b 9-5-1900, d 10-29-1988)

their children:

5A Richard Edward Brewer (b 2-13-1923, Clayton)
 m
 Caroline Carnes Francis

5B Genelle Brewer (b 7-7-1925, Clayton)
 m
 Morris Brown

5C Jean Brewer (b 9-30-1927, Clayton)
 m
 Ewell Lynch

5D Rebecca Ann Brewer (b 6-15-1931, Clayton)
 m
 Floyd Twight

5E Jarrel Sloan Brewer (b 9-14-1934, Clayton)
 m
 Judy Hill

5F Elizabeth Carolyn Brewer (b 11-19-1938, Clayton)
 m
 Lloyd James

5G Julia Elaine Brewer (b 6-28-1941, Clayton)
 m
 Tom Ritchie

4B Lady Clare Hamby (b 1-4-1899, Clayton)
 m 6-12-1918 (moved to Oklahoma)
 Grover Lafayette Bynum (b _____, d 10-18-1945)
their children:

5A Helene Bynum (b 6-6-1919)

5B Natalie Bynum (b 8-12-1922)

5C Patricia Bynum (b 7-13-1925)

5D Grover Lafayette Bynum, Jr. (b 7-30-1927)

5E Elinor Bynum (b 12-3-1934)

4C Robert Edward Hamby (b c.1900, Clayton, d c.1901 Rabun Co.)

4D Blanche Roberta Hamby (b 8-3-1903, Clayton, d 10-15-1993,
 Clayton)
 Never married

4E Ralph Edwin Hamby (b 3-2-1906, Clayton)
 m 12-23-1934
 Flora Shirley
their children:

5A Robert Edward Hamby (b 1-1-1936)
 m
 Bobbie Eidson

5B Shirley Roberta Hamby (b 6-19-)
 m

Jodie Burton
4F Nannie Lee Hamby (b 9-22-1910, Clayton, d 10-12-1992, Clayton)

m 10-1-1931
Perry Webb **Short** (b 7-11-1909, Commerce, GA,
d 8-14-1969, Clayton) (see pp 13)

their children:

5A Charles Robert Short (b 4-17-1932, Clayton)

m 1)

Mae Duncan

m 2)

Linda Powers

m 3)

Diana _____

5B Jack Suddath Short (b 4-2-1934, Clayton)

m

Eleanor Silver

5C Nancy Margaret Short (b 4-26-1936, Clayton)

m

Carlton Jones

5D Kay Ruth Short (b 7-2-1938, Habersham Co., GA)

m 1-12-1957, Walhalla, SC

Ronald Edward Norton (b 1-31-1937, Rabun Co., GA)

(Son of E.C. Norton and T.M. Norton)

their children:

6A Karon Norton (b 1957)

6B Karla Norton (b 1958)

6C Edward Roderick Norton (b 1959)

6D William Vinson Worley Norton (b 1961, Atlanta)

6E Jack Short Norton (b 1971, Atlanta)

5E Sara Theresa Short "Fifi" (b 12-21-1944, Clayton)

m (8-18-1963, Clayton, div 12-1970)

Robert Lee Allen McCraw (b 6-7-1938, Cowpens, SC)

their children:

6A Peri Lee McCraw (b 1964, Clayton)

m 11-8-1986

James Randal Carver (b 1965)

their child:

7A James Robert Carver (b 11-14-1990)

6B Robert Lee Allen McCraw, Jr.(b 1967, Clayton)

m 8-30-1992

Holly Lee Hollifield (b 1974)

their child:

7A Makinzy Lee McCraw (b 1993, Clayton)
 5F Melissa Jane Short "Lissa" (b 8-28-1947, Clayton)
 m 5-30-1964 Walhalla, SC
 Stuart Eugene Beck (b 1943, Clayton)
their children:
 6A Stuart Eugene Beck Jr. (b 1967, Clayton)
 6B Briton Suddath Beck (b 1971, Clayton)
 m (3-28-1992, Clayton)
 Staley Lessie Conner (b 1971, Fulton Co. GA)
 3C Martin Hamby (b c.1870, Rabun Co., d Portland, OR)
 (Listed in 1880 as "servant" with Martin and Martha
 Beck. Sometimes called "Martin Beck.")
 3D Beula Hamby (b 2-8-1875, Rabun Co.)
 m 8-22-1893 (moved to western NC)
 Bence Vinson (b 4-12-1862)
their children:
 4A Everett Vinson
 m
 Mary Tanner
 4B Selma Inez Vinson
 m
 Ronnie Steele
 4C Cecil Vinson
 4D Juanita Vinson
 m
 Robert P. **Hamby** (see pp 33)
 4E Harry Vinson (b 7-6-1899)
 m (6-1940) lives in Rabun Co.
 Maggie Sue Shope (b 3-2-1911)
their child:
 5A Douglas B. Vinson (b 1942)
 m
 Dona Coleman (b 1944)
their children:
 6A Catherine Dianne Vinson (b 1968)
 m
 Shawn Holder
 6B Pamela Anne Vinson (b 1970)
 m
 Scott Shackelford
 6C Valerie Joan Vinson (b 1978)
 4F Dorothy Vinson (d @ age 2)
 3E Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Hamby (b 5-18-1877, Rabun Co.,

d 2-27-1952, Rabun Co.)
m 1)
Vinie Ramey (daughter of Issac & Martha Blackwell Ramey)
their children:
4A Lura Bell Hamby (b 12-9-1910)
4B Thomas Jefferson Hamby Jr. (b 11-16-1911, d 9-19-1980)
m
Ruby W (b 4-22-1919, d 4-4-1980)
4C Robert Lexington Hamby (b 10-3-1917)
m
Corinne Philyaw (daughter of Clarence & Birdie Philyaw)
their child:
5A Christopher Steven Hamby (b 1958)
3E (Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Hamby)
m 2)
Clara Susie Slay Brooks (b 8-13-1888, d 5-23-1987,
widow of William Brooks)
their child:
4A Clarence Dover Hamby (b 12-23-1921)
3F John Hamby (b c. 1884, Rabun Co., moved to western U.S.)
2E Sarah Minerva Hamby (b c.1846, Rabun Co., GA, Listed as Head of
Household in 1880, and as mother to Samuel in 1900)
her children:
3A Mary Hamby (b c. 1865, Rabun Co.)
3B John Hamby (b c.1867, Rabun Co.) (at Double Springs United
Methodist Church, 2 Mi. west of Mountain Rest, SC, a headstone:
"John Hamby, 1867-1950.")
m
Elizabeth R. McCoy (b c.1866, NC)
their children:
4A Martha S. Hamby (b 10-30-1888, d 8-21-1963)
m
Lawrence Hardy Ledford (b 11-2-1876, d 7-31-1961)
their son:
5A Virgil Ledford (b 10-27-1913)
4B Fannie W. Hamby (b c. 1891)
4C Esty L. Hamby (b c.1894)
4D James Virgil Hamby (b c.1896)
4E Charlotte M. Hamby (b c.1897)
4F Charlie P. Hamby (b c.1899)
4G Cora Hamby (b c.1900)
4H Dennis Hamby (b 5-18-1904, d 4-30-1988)
4I George Hamby (b 10-20-1908)

3C James Hamby (b c.1869, Rabun Co., Last Data 1880 census)
 3D Samuel J. Hamby (b 6-25-1870, Rabun Co., d 1-11-1952. Listed in
 1900 as Head of Household with mother, Sarah M., and 2 children.)
 m1) (lived in Whetstone community, SC)
 unknown (d c.1898)
their children:
 4A Maud Hamby (b c.1894)
 4B Martin Ezekiel "Zeke" Hamby (b 12-22-1895, Rabun Co., d 12-
 23-1979)
 m
 Lucy P. (b 5-30-1896, d 2-13-1981)
their child:
 5A Ruth Hamby (b 7-22-1928, d 7-2-1941)
 3D (Samuel J. Hamby)
 m2)
 Ella White (b 1-7-1881, d 7-27-1970, brother: Sexton White)
their children: (4 sons, all preachers)
 4C Robert P. Hamby (b c.1903)
 m
 Juanita **Vinson** (see pp 31)
 4D Claude Hamby
 4E Milton Hamby
 4F James Hamby
 3E Ezekiel Hamby (b c.1872, Rabun Co.),
 m c.1899 in KY, moved to Hamilton, Ohio c.1910
 Mildred Tubbs (b c.1874, KY) (Name is questionable.)
their children (out of at least 7):
 4A Ollie Willis Hamby (b c.1906 KY, d 10-28-1910)
 4B Zick Hamby (b c.1908 KY, d 11-4-1910)
 4C Issac Hamby (b 12-12-1909, d 7-5-1910)
 4D Goldie May Hambie (sic) (b 4-6-1911, d 11-14-1987)
 m 10-26-1929
 Charles M. Blazer
their children:
 5A Charles M. Blazer (b c.1929)
 5B Ruth Marie Blazer (b 1933)
her child:
 6A Sherry Lynn Blazer (b 8-26-1948)
 m1) 1966
 James Bonner West
their child:
 7A Dianna Lynn West (b 1967)
 m

Scott McGuire (b 1967)
their child:
 8A Taylor Nicole Marie McGuire (b 90)
 6A (Sherry Lynn Blazer)
 m2) 1969
 Douglas Vance Hargraves
their child:
 7B Stephen Vance Hargraves (b 1971)
 6A (Sherry Lynn Blazer)
 m3) 1980
 Henry Laurence Gibson
 5B (Ruth Marie Blazer)
 m 1)
 Boyd W. Hackney
their children:
 6B Debra Jean Hackney (b c. 1954, died a child)
 6C Charles Boyd Hackney (b 1960)
 m
 Gina Meyers
their children:
 7A Christopher C. Boyd Hackney (b 1980)
 7B David Hackney (b 1981)
 7C Jennifer Jean Marie Hackney (b 1987)
 4E Sarah Hamby
 2F Frances J. Hamby (b c.1847, Rabun Co., Listed as H/H in 1880 with
 children. Last data: 1880.)
her children:
 3A Lafayette Hamby (b c.1872, Rabun Co.) (At Double Springs United
 Methodist Church; a headstone: Marcus Lafayette Hamby, 10-15-
 1871... 1-21-1919; Adjacent headstone: Nettie D. Hamby.)
 3B Martha J.E. Hamby (b c. 1877, Rabun Co.)
 2G Andrew Jackson "Andy" Hamby (b 4-2-1849, Rabun Co.,
 d 4-12-1925,, Rabun Co.)
 m 9-13-1866
 Arah Adeline **Speed** (b 5-17-1849,, Rabun Co., d 2-9-1924,, Rabun
 Co.)
 (see pp 26)
 Andrew Jackson Hamby, "Andy", was the seventh of Jeff and Sarah's
 ten children and was born April 2, 1849. His mother died in 1854,
 and his father in 1862. He saw his oldest brother off to become a con-
 federate soldier in 1863. He married Arah Adeline Speed in 1866. She

too was a native of the Hale Ridge community, the eighth of nine children. Her parents had moved into Georgia about the same time that Jeff Hamby did.

Andy and Arah also stayed on Hale Ridge to raise their family and to live out their lives. The growing number of children in their community caused the Hambys to establish a school on part of Jeff's original lot. This was the "Hamby School" which continued to serve the community until 1946. This school was a one room log cabin with no amenities. Drinking water was from a nearby creek. Houses fared little better.

Andy and Arah's brothers and sisters grew up in Hale Ridge, married, or didn't marry, established separate households and raised their children on Hale Ridge. Most were still living on Hale Ridge in 1900. A few apparently moved back toward their roots in South Carolina, and some moved away and came back after a few years.

Andy and Arah's children:

3A John LaFayette "Fate" Hamby (b 7-29-1867 Pine Mountain,, Rabun Co.,

d 2-7-1948 Gilmer Co.)

m 1-20-1895, Clayton

Lura Kansie **Earl** (b 11-30-1877, Bryson City, NC, d 1-1-1953, Gilmer Co. GA) (see pp 15)

Fate Hamby was my grandfather, I must add a little about "Fate", and his cousin Robert Edward Alexander Hamby, "Bob." These cousins were born within days of each other in 1867. These two, who remained the closest of friends throughout their lives, somehow managed to get to a good school at Young Harris and get a better than average education. Both had established households in Clayton prior to 1900. By 1900 Bob was practicing law, and Fate had served several years as clerk of the Superior Court. Bob went on to represent Rabun county in the State Capitol, both as senator and representative. Fate took a part of the 1900 census of Rabun county.

Fate had married Kansie Earl in early 1895. Her father, Joshua Franklin Earl after having married and raised children in Bryson City, Swain county, North Carolina, was a "late comer" to Rabun County, about 1882. Some of Kansie's younger siblings were born in Rabun.

Fate and Kansie had two children in Clayton, Frank Earl Hamby, my uncle, and Cora Lee Hamby, my mother. Fate took his family first to Pueblo, Colorado for about ten years, and then to Ellijay in Gilmer County, Georgia. Fate had worked for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in Pueblo and seems mostly to have traveled over most of the west contracting for coal or iron shipments. His family accompanied him on some of these travels by train at least to Oklahoma and California. I shall have more of this story under Gilmer Co. roots. Fate and Kansie are burried in Ellijay.

Fate and Kansie Hamby's children:

4A Franklin Earl "Frank" Hamby (b 12-17-1895, Rabun Co.,
d 4-10-1973, Jacksonville, FL)
m 4-25-1924, New York City, moved to Jacksonville, FL
Mary Edith Ellington (b 9-17-1897, Gilmer Co, d 8-24-1985,

GA)

(Frank & Edith lived mostly in Jacksonville, FL. They
had no children. They are buried in Ellijay, GA.)

4B Cora Lee Hamby (b 11-15-1897 Rabun Co., d 12-12-1988
Melbourne, FL)

m 1-29-1913

Marcus Lafayette "Buss" **Cox**, Jr. (b 2-3-1892 Gilmer Co.
d 10-27-1947, GA) (see pp 76)

to continue with Andy and Arah Hamby's children:

3B Jane Hamby (b 8-4-1869, Rabun Co.)

m 1-24-1892

John Rogers

their child:

4A Callie Hamby (b 10-6-1890, Rabun Co., d 8-26-1965, Rabun

Co.)

m 12-23-1906

Andrew **Speed** (b 1882, Rabun Co., d 1940, Rabun Co.) (see pp

24)

their children:

5A Grace Speed

m

Leece Ramey

5B Eula Speed (b 8-8-1910, Rabun Co.)

m

Harmon Deal

5C Howard Speed

5D Corrie Speed
 m
 _____Redden
 3C William Terrell Hamby (b 8-2-1870, Rabun Co., d 8-9-1931)
 m
 Fannie Duncan (b 3-25-1868, d 8-1-1936)
 3D Sarah Angelina "Lina" Hamby (b 12-17-1874, Rabun Co., d 5-28-
 1965, Rabun Co.)
 m
 Steve Teague
their children:
 4A Louie Teague (b 5-2-1896, Rabun Co.)
 m1) Lulu Gibson
 m2) Mary Marsengill
 m3) Irene Taylor
 m4) Fannie Queen
their children:
 5A Edgar Teague
 5B Lina Sue Teague
 4B Grady Teague (b 11-24-1898 Rabun Co., d 2-1970, Pontiac,
 Michigan)
 m
 Eva Beatrice Green (d Pontiac, Michigan)
their children:
 5A Violet Teague
 m
 Temple K. Biggs
their children:
 6A Thomas Biggs
 6B Darlene Biggs
 6C Michael Terry Biggs (d 6-10-1950)
 6D Donald Biggs
 6E Cynthia Lou Biggs "Cindy"
 5B Bobbie Teague
 m
 Marcus Lutz Bleckley
 5C Dorothy Jean Teague
 m 12-25-1946
 Prelo Porter Kell
their children:
 6A Danny Kell
 6B Brenda Kell
 6C Linda Kell

6D Kurt Kell
6E Vicki Kell
6F Debbie Kell
5D Charles Teague
m

their children:

6A Grady Charles Teague, Jr. "Charlie" (b 8-25-1934, d 3-
28-1978)

6B David Teague
6C Pamela Teague

4C Roy Teague (b 8-5-1900 Rabun Co.)
m

Hattie James

their children:

5A Susie Teague (b 8-14-1925 Rabun Co.)
m

Roosevelt Coffee

5B Jack Teague (b 5-16-1927 Rabun Co.)

5C Ray Teague (b 1-8-1929 Rabun Co.)

5D Dewey Teague (b 2-12-1931 Rabun Co.)

5E Jean Teague (twin to Jane, below)

5F Jane Teague (b 9-27-1933, Rabun Co.)

5G Paul Chester Teague "Bud" (b 1-13-1937 Rabun Co.)

4D Fay Teague (b 4-1-1902)
m

Connie C. Barron
(no children)

4E Lucy Teague
m

Henry Jabel Ramey

their children:

5A Lucia Ann Ramey (b 1944 Rabun Co.)

5B Lynn Ramey (b Franklin, NC)

4F Reba Teague (b 10-26-19__)
m

Felton Sullivan

their children:

5A Charlotte Sullivan

5B Betty Jane Sullivan

m

Herman Dyer

3E Elizabeth Hamby (b 6-8-1876 Last data 1880)

m
 _____ Dockery
their children:
 4A Pearly Dockery (male, this may have been a nickname)
 4B Paul Dockery
 4C Mabel Dockery
 4D Wayne Dockery
 3F Andrew Logan "Logan" Hamby (b 6-20-1878, Rabun Co., d 12-6-1937)
 m 2-5-1898
 Zona "Liney" Teague (b 6-13-1881, Rabun Co., d 1-12-1968, Rabun Co.,
 Her parents: John Teague m Millie Ann Brown)
their children:
 4A Arah Hamby (b 7-31-1900, Rabun Co., d 1-4-1929)
 m
 William Tate Blalock
their children:
 5A Alfred Jackson Blalock (b 9-16-1924, d 3-8-1989)
 m
 Grace Watkins
 5B William Tate Blalock (b 12-16-1925, d 10-1942)
 4B Noah Ernest Hamby (b 2-5-1902, Rabun Co., d 11-14-1962)
 unmarried
 4C Effie Hamby (b 3-13-1904, Rabun Co., d 11-13-1912, Rabun Co.)
 4D Edna Hamby (b 6-3-1906, Rabun Co., d 1-5-1955)
 m
 Logan Martin
their children:
 5A Ida Lee Martin (b 1-24-1926)
 m
 Joseph Spaulding
 5B Marion Louise Martin (b 4-11-1928)
 m
 Herman Beck
 5C Shirley Martin (b 8-29-1934)
 m
 J. C. Smith
 5D Ann Martin (b 10-10-1935)
 m
 Andrew Parker
 4E Lewis Hamby (b 7-5-1908, Rabun Co., d 8-1-1989, Rabun Co.)

m

Millie Vicdora Wall (b 7-4-1907) (daughter of Ira & Ida Wall)

their child:

5A Billy Lewis Hamby (b 7-27-1930)

m 6-25-1952

Ida Odelle Kelly (b 11-5-1931)

their child:

6A Gail Juanita Hamby (b 1954)

m 7-31-1976

Mark Coleman

their children:

7A Keri Elizabeth Coleman

(b 1980)

7B Kami Erin Coleman (b 1982)

7C Cody Jacob Coleman (b 1989)

4F Nora Hamby (b 7-6-1910, Rabun Co. d-5-29-1992, Franklin,

NC)

m

William Taylor Huscusson

They had no children.

4G Logan Hamby Jr. (b 9-29-1912, Rabun Co., d 6-14-1979)

m

Ola Gibson

their children:

5A Barbara Lee Hamby (b 2-16-1934)

m

Jack Keener

5B Janie Hamby (b 6-12-1935)

m

Bill Connor

5C Russell Hamby (b 4-11-1939, d 12-21-1961)

5D Joseph Wayne Hamby (b 6-27-1945, d 7-3-1973)

m

Joan Hopper

4H Ethel Lee Hamby (b 11-12-1914, Rabun Co., d 3-4-1988)

m

Martin Jasper Hopkins

their child:

5A Jasta Lee Hopkins (b 1951)

m

Jack Southards

4I Mildred Virginia Hamby (b 6-14-1917, Rabun Co.)

m

Benjamin Thompson
They had no children.

4J John Lafayette Hamby (b 11-2-1919, Rabun Co., d 3-4-1988)
 m
 Amalee Zoellner
their children:

5A John Hamby Jr. (b. 1947)
 m
 Katherine Gross

5B Robert Lee Hamby (b 1948)
 m
 Lana

5C Linda Sue Hamby (b 1949)
 m
 Dickie Hunnicut

4K James Andrew Hamby (b 12-26-1921, Rabun Co., d 3-6-1985)
 m 1)
 Irene Bellew Snyder
 m 2)
 Stella Taylor Hill
No children.

2H Hulda Melinda Hamby (b c.1852, Rabun Co., last data 1880 census)

2I John Cadwell Hamby "Cadwell" (b c.1854, Rabun Co.)
 m
 Margaret Louisa (b 9-7-1855, NC., d 9-30-1939)
 In 1870 Cadwell was listed in a H/H with his brother William J. at age 17. He is not listed in the 1880 census. He apparently lived for some time in NC and started his family there, but returned about 1888 to be listed in the 1900 census.
their children:

3A Thomas J. Hamby (b 9-25-1880, NC, d 3-21-1942)
 m
 Marietta Ledford (b 7-17-1882 SC, d 7-7-1968)
their children:

4A John Albert Hamby (b c.1903)
 m 1921
 Bernice Mae Mann (b c.1905)

4B Clifford Hamby

3B Ella S. Hamby (b c.1884, NC)

3C Mary R. Hamby (b c.1887, NC)

3D John C. Hamby (b c.1888, NC)

3E Robert L. Hamby (b c.1889, Rabun Co.)

3F Samuel F. Hamby (b c.1892, Rabun Co., Lived in Atlanta, GA)

3G Joseph M. Hamby (b c.1897, Rabun Co.)

Part II

Gilmer County Roots

My Gilmer Co. data is almost 100% from family records. Census data has been able to add very little, such as the fact that Augustus Clayton Roberts and his brother Pierce Roberts had lived for a time in Elijah; family data did not reflect that. And again, some other families that are predecessors or “cousins.”

The Roberts Family

Robert Roberts moved to Buncombe Co. NC in 1785 and settled on Big Ivey Creek. He married a Miss Seay (or Seah). Family history says that he spelled his name Robert Roberds and that he is buried in Buncombe Co. NC. We know the names of four children, but Augustus Clayton was said to be the fifth child. The family data we have on Augustus Clayton Roberts and his offspring is much more specific than that for William or Alfred or Pierce. Also we have enough census data on him and his family to lend assurance that the data is valid. Better data may be due to the fact that his child, Laura Delaney, married one of the Coxes (William) and thus contributed directly to the family history. I have been unable to find 1850 census data on Pierce or Alfred Roberts, which might have confirmed Aunt Willie's lists of their children. Aunt Willie listed a child of Pierces which was directly contradicted by Ward's data and by Gilmer county marriage records. I deleted her name, Caroline, from the list of his children. However much of her data on others of their children are confirmed by census data and Ward; I hope we have not done the Roberts family a disservice.

Robert Roberts' children that we know of:

1A William Roberts

1B Alfred Roberts

m

Elizabeth Beck

We cannot establish that Alfred came to Gilmer Co., but at least some of his children did. Both Ward and the census report an Alfred B. Roberts, whose wife is listed as Elizabeth, in the Census, about the right birth date, in Gilmer in the 1850s and later, but there is no certain connection. *their children:*

2A Garrett A. Roberts (b c 1835 GA)
 m
 Elizabeth Greer "Lizzie" (b c 1835 GA)
their children:
 3A Moses B. Roberts (b c 1861)
 3B William F. Roberts (b c 1863)
 3C Laura F. Roberts (b c 1865)
 3D Nancy L. Roberts (b c 1867)
 3E Garrett H. Roberts (b c 1869)

2B R. Zemri Roberts (b c 1838, NC)
 m
 Margaret S (b 4-4-1842, d 7-3-1906, GA)
 their child:
 3A William G. Roberts (b c 1860)

2C Lou Roberts
 m
 Doc Percy

2D Gideon Roberts
 m
 Jane Weaver

2E Fult Roberts
 m
 Harriet Weaver (sister of Jane, above)

2F Nancy Caroline Roberts(b c 1842, NC)
 m 11-28-1858 Ellijay
 William P. Milton (b c 1836, NC,
 killed in the unrest following the Civil War c 1872)
their children:
 3A William A. Milton (b c 1867)
 3B LaFayette Milton (b c 1868)
 3C Jane Milton (b 4-1870)

1C Pierce Roberts (b c 1806 NC, d 3-27-1877))
 m
 Margaret R____(b c 1807 NC)
 Family data says that at one time he was "High Sheriff of Buncombe Co.
 NC" They lived in Gilmer Co., GA through 1870. He served as Justice of
 the inferior court in 1865.
their children:
 2A Lavissa M. Roberts (b 12-17-1829 NC, d 12-5-1864 Ellijay)
 m
 Samuel Frank Williams, Major CSA (b c 1824 NC, d 4-4-1907 NC)

their children:

3A Nancy Catherine Williams (b 6-11-1849 NC, d 8-2-1920 Gilmer Co.)

m 12-31-1865

Pinkney Harrison Milton "Pink"(b 4-11-1840 Buncomb Co. NC.
came to Gilmer Co. 1845, d 2-15-1921)(see ?)

their children:

4A William Franklin Milton "Bill" (b c. 1867)
(never married)

4B John Edgar Milton (b c. 1869)

m

Minnie Webb

4C Robert Lafayette Milton (b 4-27-1871, d 4-16-1951)

m

Mary Foster (b 3-3-1875, d 3-1-1950 (daughter of W^m H. &
Dora Foster)

their children:

5A Paul Milton

5B Glenn Milton

m

Edith Dimmon

their children:

6A Erline Milton

6B Robert Milton

5C Marie Milton

5D Foster Milton

5E Herbert Milton

4D Ida Lerisa Milton (b 7-30-1878, d 1-23-1936 Ellijay)

m

Barney Holt (b 9-27-1871, d 1943 Ellijay)

their children:

5A Vivian Holt

m

Reg Flake

their child:

6A Barbara Flake (lived in Colorado)

5B Norman Holt

4E Irene Elizabeth Milton

m (lived in California)

W. T. Sheppard

their children:

5A Ethel Sheppard

5B Philip Sheppard

5C Effie Sheppard
5D Selma Sheppard
5E Charles Sheppard
4F Emma Louise Milton
m
John Buffington (d. 4-27-1936)

their children:

5A Carl Buffington
m

Lillie Logan
their child:

6A Janet Buffington

5B Audley Buffington

5C Kenneth Buffington

5D Helen Buffington

5E Victor Buffington

5F Tom Buffington

5G Wayne Buffington

4G Lilly Rosalee Milton

4H Effie Milton

m

H. W. Foster

their children:

5A Imogene Foster

5B Nell Foster

5C Sydney Foster

5D Mildred Foster

5E LaVerne Foster

5F May Charme Foster

5G Charles Foster

4I Ellen Agnes Milton

4J Daisy (who died in infancy)

3B Margaret E. Williams (b c. 1852)

3C Robert V. Williams (b c. 1854)

3D Charles F. Williams (b c. 1857)

3E Mary J. Williams (b c 1859)

2B Nancy C. Roberts "Nannie" (b 10-16-1835, Ashville, Buncombe Co.,
NC

d 11-21-1911)

m

Western R. Welch, Major, CSA (b 8-7-1829, Waynesville, NC.

d 6-19-1904 Ellijay)

their children:

3A William Clarence Welch(b c. 1860)

m

Mary Webb

their child:

4A Clarence Welch

m

Edna Orr

their children:

5A Clarence Welch

5B Joann Welch

3B Mary Pink Welch(b c. 1862, d 11-27-1937 never married)

3C Charles J. Welch (b c. 1864)

3D Martha L. B. "Maggie" Welch (b c. 1867)

m (they lived in Hiawasse, GA)

J. N. Brown

their children:

4A Malcom Brown

4B William Brown

4C Forrest Brown

4D James Brown

4E Walter Brown

4F Lyman Brown

4G Raymond Brown

3E Beatrice Welch

3F Effie Lee Welch

3G Western R. Welch, Jr.

3H R. Clifford Welch 'Cliff' (d 8-20-1953, Ellijay)

m

Elizabeth Kriesler (d 6-17-1961, Chattanooga, TN)

(no children)

2C Elbert Roberts (b c. 1841 NC)

2D James H. Roberts (b c. 1843 NC)

2E William Roberts (b c. 1846 NC)

2F Laura Roberts (b 6-15-1847, d 8-5-1911)

m

James Dupree

their children:

3A Joe Dupree

3B Nora Dupree

m

John Bramlett

2G Robert Z. Roberts (b c 1848)

m
 Fatima A _____ (b c 1844)
 their child:
 3A Nora R. Roberts (b c 1869)
 2H Margaret E. "Emma" Roberts (b c 1852)
 m 10-1869
 LaFayette D. Milton (b c 1843)
their children:
 3A William P. Milton (b c 1872)
 3B Charles H. Milton (b c 1875)
 3C Leona L. Milton (b c 1877)
 2I Ida Roberts
 m
 _____ Barnett
 2J Charlie Roberts

1D Augustus Clayton Roberts (b 10-6-1803, Buncombe Co., NC, d between 1867 and 1870 on the way to Texas with his wife and child. He was a house painter.)
 m 10-23-1823
 Mary Anderson (b 8-30-1807, d 1867 or 1869) (A brother: Matt Anderson)
 This household is listed in the 1850 census of Cherokee Co. NC and in the 1860 census of Gilmer Co. In 1850 the three eldest of the children are no longer listed in the household, but one of these, Nancy Levissey, later lived in Ellijay. In 1860 the next three are no longer listed in the household. In both of these census listings the head of the household is clearly Augustin C. Roberts. How the name became "Augustus" in the family records we do not know. You will note that we have few dates associated with most of the descendants of Laura's siblings.
their children:
 2A Elizabeth Caroline Roberds (b 7-25-1824)
 m
 John Sitten (died on way to Texas)
 2B Walton Franklin Roberds (b 4-1-1826)
 2C Nancy Levissey Roberds (b 2-27-1828 NC, d 8-2-1891, came to GA c. 1854)
 m
 J. W. Kirby
 The first listing of this family in Gilmer is in the 1870 census with Nancy, head-of-household, apparently a widow; her youngest age 9.
their children:
 3A Florentine Kirby
 m (lived in Texas

Benton Greer
their child:
 4A Lillie Greer
 3B James Hamilton Kirby (b c. 1852, NC)
 m (lived in Texas)
 Clementine Welch
their children:
 4A Lillie Kirby
 4B Pearl Kirby
 4C Will Kirby
 4D Thurston Kirby
 3C Cornelia Kirby
 m (lived in Texas)
 Sam Bean
 3D Mary O. Kirby (b 1855, GA, d 1938) a teacher in Ellijay and
 Gilmer Co.
 m
 Martin C Fischer
 (no children)
 3E Laura L. Kirby (b 6-17-1857, GA, d 6-1-1911)
 m (lived in Atlanta)
 Dr. Carmichael
their child:
 4A Willie Carmichael (a life long friend of her cousin, Willie Cox)
 3F Thurston Kirby (b 10-4-1861, GA, d 4-5-1890)
 m (in Ellijay, 12-25-1886)
 Ina Teem (d 8-27-1945)
 Ina was daughter of Martin Y. Teem m Neaty Davis Bearden (a
 widow). After Thurston died she married M. J. Gordon Cole in
 1900.
their children:
 4A J. Waldo Kirby (never m)(b 1888,
 d 10-18-1920 in Constantinople, Turkey)
 4B Thurston Kirby, Jr. (b 1890, d 1929) (never m.)
 2D Laura Delaney Roberts (b 7-21-1832 Buncombe Co., NC,
 d 7-27-1886 Ellijay, GA)
 m 2-7-1856 Ellijay, GA
 William **Cox** (b 8-23-1827, Ellijay, d 8-4-1865, Ellijay) (see pp 62)
 2E Basil Manley Roberts (b 5-19-1834, d in Confederate Army)
 2F Robert John Roberts (b 7-24-1838)
 m
 _____ of Louisiana
their children:

3A Nancy Roberts
 3B Francis Roberts
 3C Electra Roberts
 m
 George R. Walton
 3D Genie Roberts
 3E Leslie Roberts
 2G Mary Ann Savilla Roberts (b c 1844, NC)
 m (in Ellijay)
 John W. Greer (b c. 1830, SC) (Gilmer Co. Ordinary in 1870)
 their child:
 3A Mary Frances Greer (b c 1862)
 m
 John Douthitt
 their children:
 4A Ted Greer Douthitt (identified as a daughter)
 4B Sweetes Douthitt (identified as a daughter)
 2H Augustus Clayton Roberts Jr. (b c. 1848, NC)
 m 1) in Fairfield, Texas

 their children:
 3A Ben Roberts
 3B Wood Roberts
 m

 their child:
 4A Nettie Roberts
 m 2) in Fairfield, Texas

 their child:
 3C Lizzie Roberts
 2I Lillie Arvilla Roberts (b c 1851 NC)
 m 11-1869 (they died in, and are buried in Stillwell, OK)
 Dr. James R. Johnson (b c. 1840, NC)
 (came to Ellijay in 1867 and stayed nearly 25 years)
 their children:
 3A William Augustus Johnson
 m (in Ellijay)
 Calista Long
 their children:
 4A Alene Johnson
 m (lived in Kingston, GA)
 Bill Tucker

4B William Augustus (Bill) Johnson

m (lived in Ellijay)

Opal Penland

their children:

5A Ralph Johnston

5B Alene Johnson

5C Gus Johnson

5D Joe Johnson

3B James R. Johnson

m (in Stillwell, OK)

_____ (of Indian descent)

their child:

4A Ralph Johnson

The Milton Family

1A William Hamilton Milton (b c 1775 France)

m

Elizabeth Love Peoples (b SC, d 1882)

This family came to Ellijay about 1845 from Union Co, GA and before that Buncombe, Co. NC. William was a physician, perhaps the first in Gilmer Co. Cox and Roberts family history says that their three boys all married Roberts girls.

their children:

2A William P. Milton (b c 1836, NC,

killed in the unrest following the Civil War c. 1872)

m 11-28-1858, Ellijay

Nancy Caroline Roberts (daughter of Alfred, b c 1842, NC)

for their children see the Roberts Family

2B Pinkney Harrison Milton (Pink) (b 4-11-1840,

Buncombe Co. NC, d 2-15-1921 Ellijay)

m

Nancy Catherine Williams, granddaughter of Pierce Roberts
(b 6-11-1849 NC, d 8-2-1920 Gilmer Co.)

(for their children, see the Roberts Family)

2C LaFayette D. Milton (Fayette) (b c 1843, GA)

m 10-1869

Margaret Emma Roberts (daughter of Pierce) (b c 1852, NC)

for their children, see the Roberts Family

2D Elizabeth L. Milton (b c 1846, GA)

m

David Garren, merchant and postmaster of Ellijay 1875-1881

The Cobb Family

1A Ellison Cobb (b Wales, Great Britain)

m Lawrenceville, GA

Cynthia Hutchins (b Gwinnette Co. GA)

their child:

2A John Patrick Cobb (b 7-2-1827, SC, d 3-23-1899 Bluff Dale, TX)

m 2-8-1849 Pickens Co., GA

Mary L. Bradley (b 3-4-1831, d 10-11-1903 TX)

Daughter of Brown Bradley m. ___Eaton. Mary's brother was Joe

Bradley. John & Mary lived in Pickens Co. & moved to Gilmer Co.

& later to Texas in 1891. Several of their children stayed in Gilmer

Co.

their children:

3A Lee C. Cobb (b 5-26-1852, Pickens Co., d 7-11-1885)

m

Ella Perry (b 6-24-1854, d 5-21-1874)

3B Wilmot Cobb, "Aunt Wim" (b c.1855, Pickens Co., d 11-11-1947

TX)

m (moved to Bluff Dale, TX)

J. W. Glenn

their daughter:

4A Ellen Glenn

3C Minnie (or Mary) Frances Cobb "Ma Cox" (b 2-1-1860,

Pickens Co., d 10-11-1944 Ellijay, GA)

m 3-10-1878

Marcus Lafayette **Cox** Sr. "Mart" (b 6-3-1857 Ellijay,

d 3-22-1915 Ellijay) (see pp 65)

3D John Patrick Cobb Jr. (b 10-31-1861, Pickens Co., d 8-13-1933, El-

lijay)

m 1)

Bell Sutton (b 1-18-1866, d 1-28-1898)

their children:

4A Max S. Cobb (b 8-26-1894, Gilmer Co., d 4-4-1980)

m (lived in Ellijay)

Willie Kate Warlick (b 3-24-1894, d 4-2-1973)

their children:

5A _____ Cobb

m (lived in Charlottesville, VA)

John Streven

5B Maxine Cobb (Atlanta, GA)

5C Catherine Cobb

m (lived in Atlanta, GA)

_____Holmes
4B Homer Roy Cobb (b 4-4-1890, Gilmer Co., d 11-25-1978)
m
Dorothy Barclay
their children:
5A Jeannette Cobb (b 9-28-1923, d 10-6-1933)
5B H. Roy Cobb Jr.
5C Annabel Cobb
4C Pauline Cobb (b 8-8-1888, Gilmer Co., d 1-28-1979)
m
Chrisler Warlick (b 1882, d 1963)
3D (John Patrick Cobb Jr)
m 2)
Bessie Truman (b 2-21-1875, d 1-19-1948, Ellijay)
their children:
4D John Thomas Cobb (lived in Sandy Springs, GA)
4E Frances T. Cobb
m (lived in Sandy Springs, GA)
_____Putnam
3E Clarence E. Cobb (b c1864)
3F Homer B. Cobb (b 12-1865, Pickens Co., d 10-1887)
3G Nathaniel L. Cobb (b c 1868, d 10-31-1946, TX)
3H Walter Cobb (d 6-24-1954, TX)
3I William F. Cobb

The Harlan Family

The following sketch was written for his family by Thomas Jeffries Harlan (b 11-22-1866, d 8-23-1956) and obtained from Sara Harlan June 1994:

A brief sketch of the genealogy of my Father and Mothers family of Harlan's in VA and Kentucky.

Paris, Ky Nov-11th,
1940.

My Fathers name Thos S. Harlan, was borned in Albermarle County Va near Scottsville. My Mothers name Mary Fleming Harlan of Fluvanna County Va. They were 3rd cousins the county lines being close they were raised almost in the same neighborhood. Fathers mother was Miss Franses Bailey of Logan Co. Ky near Russillville. She was the Daughter of Dr. William Bailey, who moved to Va some years before the civil war. She married James Harlan, my grandfather and I have heard her tell how she rode horseback from Ky to Va with him helping to drive a bunch of horses that was bought in Ky by James Harlan, her new husband and the "friendly Indians" helped them down the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains on to Va. Grandmother died at the age of 88 years. Grand Father James Harlan, was a large land owner also owned many slave Negroes before the War and the home place was "Fortitude" overlooking the James River was what they called the Medow Farm was along the river bottoms where they cultivate the crops. Father only had one Brother John Harlan, he was a Lawyer was exempt from the war by reason of some Government position but he volunteered during the war and was killed at the front in the battle of South Mountain Meriland. He was killed with my fathers uniform on as wather was home for a few days with his family uncle John had never married. Father had three Sisters named as follows Mary Fayette & Zoe.

At the out break of the War my Father belonged to the "Scottsville Greays" which were trained men like our State Gaurds, and he was called out with his company and was in the first battle of the Seven Pines around Richmond Va and also present at Genl

Robert E Lee's surrender at Appomadux Court house I think in April 1865. He served in the 19th, Virginia Regiment under Genl-George E. Pickett's Division Genl Longstreet's corps Stonewall Jacksons, Bregade. Father came to Ky in 1881. There was 7 children in our family only one Sister Rosa Harlan, who died at the age of about seven years.

The boys names range as follows. James Forbs Edgar Lessly Howard Hinton John Bailey Thomas Jeffries Horace Camron. The witer now living the only survivor of this once happy family. The boys mentioned were all native Virginians. My Farther Thos S. Harlan and his Brother John were among the first to import English made percussion shot guns in to Va in the old slavery days. The old Negro Carrage driver was named Willie and he was widely known for his horsemanship and having good Ky bred Horses.

My Mothers Father was Jessey Harlan, of fluvana Co Va. Her mother was a miss Abby Mary and Stratton of the same neighborhood they had I think for children my Mother Mary and brothers named the oldest Pleasent next Christerfer Wiolliams My Mother died about 15 years ago at the ripe old age of 93 years. Grand Mother Abby her mother also lived to be very old. Mothers father was a millright as they were called in those days his father my greatgrand father Joesph Harlan, built many of the famous grain mills in Va 150 years ago and at one time was operated by Jessey Harlan, mother Father. In looking up the history of the Virginia branch of the Harlan family it recalls the fact that Judge John Marshall Harlan, who was borned in Ky and was one of the greatest jurist having served as cheif Justice on the Supreem Bench in Washinton DC for about 34 and some months. His father was kin to my father and mother both as they were both Harlans. Judge Harlan's Father came to Ky I think before the war with a man by name of John Mays of Va they came by shanty boat to what was then known as Salt Lick and in Maysville, Ky. The town was named Maysville, after John Mays who came with Judge J.M. Harland from Va. The Va branch of the Harlan's are direct decendents of George Harlan, of Egglan.

Based on the above and other sources, we have:
Joseph Harlan lived in Shores, Virginia prior to the Revolutionary war. He was a millwright. His son was:

1A Jessey Harlan (c 1800-1850 Fluvania Co. Va)

m

Abby Stratton

their children:

2A Pleasant Harlan

2B Christerfor Harlan

2C William Harlan

2D Mary Fleming Harlan (c 1832-1925, Fluvania Co. VA)

m

Thomas S. Harlan (see below)

James Harlan, next listed is related to Jessey, above, but we don't know how. They were perhaps cousins; they are of the same generation.

1A James Harlan (1800-1850) farm "Fortitude" on James River, Virginia.

m

Franses Bailey, Daughter of Dr. William Bailey, Logan Co., Kentucky

their children:

2A John Harlan (never married, killed at battle of South Mountain, MD)

2B Mary Harlan

2C Fayette Harlan

2D Zoe Harlan

2E Thomas S. Harlan (b c 1830, Albermarle Co., Virginia. Served in CSA army. Moved to Kentucky 1881.

m (c 1850. Thomas & Mary were 3rd cousins)

Mary Fleming Harlan (see above)

their children:

3A James Forbes Harlan (b 1851, d 1934)

3B Edgar Leslie Harlan (b 10-25-1854, d 1938)

m

Maggie Flood

their children:

4A Juanita Harlan (b 3-5-1901, Henry Co., KY, d 5-16-1994, Gilmer

Co. GA)

m 1-23-1927, Paris, KY

Manley Augustus **Cox** (b 11-3-1894, Ellijay, GA,
d 8-6-1978, Ellijay, GA)

(for their children, see pp 78)

3C Howard Hinton Harlan (b 1857)

3D John Bailey Harlan (b 1864, d 1936)

3E Thomas Jeffries Harlan Sr. (b 11-22-1866, d 8-23-1956)

m 12-24-1915, Etowah, Tennessee

Minnie Berta **Cox** (b 12-16-1888, d 2-2-1981)

When Berta graduated from college about 1908 she was an accomplished musician. She took a job teaching piano in Etowah, TN, not far from Ellijay. Also in Etowah, employed by the L & N Railroad, was Thomas Jeffries Harlan. He too was an accomplished musician playing the harp. These two met and with perhaps one or two others played at various functions weddings, parties and the like. They married in Etowah in 1915.

“Jeff” was also an accomplished horseman; rode in and judged horse shows. Because of the heavy shipments of horses out of Kentucky, L & N transferred him to Paris KY, his native Kentucky.

Meanwhile Berta’s younger brother, Manley, had graduated from the University of Georgia school of Pharmacy and was hired as a salesman by the Nunnely Candy Co. of Atlanta, to call on Drug Stores. A part of his territory: Lexington, KY. He was severely injured there in an automobile accident and taken in and nursed back to health by his sister Berta Harlan.

During his stay, Jeff’s brother Edgar Harlan visited with his family. His daughter, Juanita Harlan and Manley Cox were married in Paris in 1927.

their children:

4A Thomas Jeffries Harlan Jr. (b 9-2-1916, Etowah, TN)

m 10-19-1946, Shelbyville, KY

Sara Mildred Wills (b 8-15-1923, Paris, Bourbon Co., KY)

their children:

5A Thomas Jeffries Harlan III (b, Paris, KY)

5B Douglas Wills Harlan (b, Paris, KY)

m. 8-3-1975

Jeanne Robin

their children

6A Jason Douglas Harlan (b. 1978)

6B Brett Thomas Harlan (b. 1980)

6C Seth William Harlan (b. 1985)

4B John Marcus Harlan (b 4-12-1921, Montgomery, AL)

m 1) 9-21-1946, Hartford, CT

Louise Gildersleeve Webster “Weezie”

(b 5-3-1924 Northampton, MA)

their children:

5A Pauline Webster Harlan (b 1948, Jacksonville, FL)

m

Ferguson Taylor

their children

6A Jennie Taylor (b 1979)

6B Sara Taylor (b. 1981)

5B John Marcus Harlan, Jr. (b 1950, Jacksonville, FL)

m1) div.

Susan Davidson

they had no children

5B m 2)

Kay Kelly

their children

6A Wesley Marcus Harlan (b 1987)

6B Stewart Harlan (b 1988)

6C Peter Jeffries Harlan (b 1991)

6D Lidia Harlan (b 1993)

5C Louise Cox Harlan (b 1952, Hartford, CT)

m1) div

James Dibble

their child

6A Allyson Dibble (b 1977)

m2)

Ralph Kadden

their children

6B Eric Kadden (b 1987)

6C Elizabeth Kadden (b 1993)

3F Horace Camron Harlan (b 1869)

3G Rosa Harlan (d as a child)

The Cox Family

Richard Cox, Sr. was born in Rowan Co., NC in 1760. His early history we know from a "Summary Sheet" issued by the National Archives in 1941 with the number S31 630. Most of the data came from his statement when he applied for his pension in 1833, which he was granted (Certificate No. 30289) in 1835. His pension was set at \$23.33 per annum.

He enlisted in Rowan Co. and "rendered the following tours as Private in the North Carolina Troops: first, 3 months in Captain Cowan's company of Infantry, a part of the time under Colonel McDowell; 1 month under Captain Lapp against the Tories; 3 months in 1781 under captain Smith in the vicinity of Wilmington; he was in the Battle of Stono." Sometime after the war he moved to Randolph Co., NC then to Iredell Co., NC, then returned to Rowan Co. He then moved to Habersham Co., GA, where he applied for his pension.

His son Johathon married in 1824, and Richard, Jr. in 1832 in Habersham. They moved into Gilmer Co. in late '34 or early '35. All three are listed in the census of 1840 in Gilmer. This is the last data we have on Richard Cox, Jr when he is listed as Head of Household with wife and four children and an older child who might be a younger brother. He is not listed anywhere in GA in 1850; Richard Sr moved on to Dade Co., GA where he is listed in 1850 at age 90 in a household with William and Margaret Davis (an older daughter?) and their children. He died in 1851 or 1852. His wife apparently died in the interval from '40 to '50.

We can speculate about one other Cox in North Georgia: Fredric Cox, who was sheriff of Murray Co. (later Whitfield Co.), aged 36, in 1850. Aunt Willie Cox had written of his existence in her notes and noted that the Gilmer Co. Coxes called him, "Uncle Fed" but she didn't know the relationship. Another of Richard Sr.'s sons?

Courthouse records in Ellijay show that Richard Sr. and both sons bought and sold property in Gilmer starting in 1835. Jonathon seems to have made some profit in his dealings. For example, he and B. B. Quillian bought a lot at auction for \$32 in 1835 and sold it to Ruby Tucker for \$100 in 1836. The original 10 acre site of Ellijay lies in Land Lot 62 of District 11 of Section 2; Jonathan bought lot 47 just north of 62 in 1835, and lot 48 (which lies just east of 47) was in Richard Sr.'s hands by 1839. I think these lots, or the major part of them, stayed in the Cox family for many years. All these land lots had been surveyed to contain 160 acres or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a square mile, i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile approximately.

The original 10 acre site of Ellijay was laid out in a square with streets and boundaries running NE/SW and NW/SE. Dalton Street (originally the Dalton turnpike, now state highway 52) forms the northwest boundary of the town square and runs on northeastward for a “couple of blocks” then runs due north for about a quarter of a mile, then turns up Cox Creek as it heads over the mountains toward Chatsworth and Dalton. The last 1/3 of the run due north lies in lot 47. Someone of the Coxes later acquired property on the west side of Dalton street closer to town in lot 62. The west side of Dalton is where later Coxes lived in Ellijay. We believe that Jonathan’s son William (known as “Billy”) built his house on Dalton St. (opposite Mulberry St.) about 1850.

The Coxes would have had to acquire property from whoever was awarded such property in the lottery of October 1832. And although they might have had legal right to “their” property they shared a nervous coexistence with Cherokees who may have occupied some of “their” property. The Cherokees were not removed until 1838. Jonathan was a private in the militia organized to effect their removal.

Jonathan came to Gilmer with wife and four children; the other four were probably born in Gilmer Co. Jonathan served as sheriff of Gilmer from 1838 to 1840, and again from 1842-1844.

Jonathan’s oldest son, Peter was commissioned an Ensign in the Gilmer Co. Militia in 1848. It is not clear that these militia organizations were due to serve the state of Georgia or the Confederacy when the Civil War started in 1861. The war units seem to have been organized independently of the militia. We know nothing else of Peter.

Jonathan’s last child, Melissa, was born in 1845. Jonathan left sometime in the 1850s for California where he died. His wife Elizabeth stayed in Ellijay.

Richard Cox, Sr’s children (the two we know of):

1A Richard Cox, Jr. (b c 1810 last data 1840)
m 9-17-1832 in Habersham Co. GA
Sally King
They had at least 4 children.

1B Jonathon Cox (b 1803 NC, d c. 1850/60 in CA)
m 1824, in Habersham Co., GA
Elizabeth Riley (b 1808, NC, d 1880 Ellijay)

their children:

2A Peter Cox (b 1825, GA, Bachelor. In 1848, Ensign in Militia)

2B Mary B. Cox (b 1831, GA)

m (in Ellijay)

Doctor M. West "Dock" (b c 1830, NC, a merchant, and the Jailor in 1860)

They moved to Homer, Banks Co., GA before 1870.

their children:

3A Jonathan H. West (b c 1858)

3B John Goolsby West (b c 1860)

2C Richard Cox (b 1833, GA, last data 1860)

m (in Ellijay)

Sara Griffith (b c 1835, child of Stephen Griffith, b c 1808, d 5-19-1892.)

their children:

3A Jonathan S. Cox (b c 1856)

3B John W. Cox (b c 1859)

2D John Riley Cox (b 1836, GA, a Bachelor)

2E Jonathon Goolsby Cox (b 1839, GA, Bachelor)

2F Gillie Ann Cox (b 1841, GA)

m (1859 or 1860, in Ellijay. This family in 1860, are listed in the household of Doctor M. West (2B, above))

John Ball (b c 1834, NC)

their children:

3A James R. Ball (b c 1863, GA)

3B Mary E. Ball (b c 1866, GA)

3C John W. Ball (b c 1869, GA)

2G Malissa Cox (b 1845, GA)

m

Bill Jones

2H William Cox 'Billy' (b 8-23-1827, Habersham Co., GA, d 8-4-1865)

m 2-7-1856, Ellijay

Laura Delaney **Roberts** (b 7-21-1832, Buncombe Co. NC

d 7-27-1886, Ellijay) (see pp 49)

William, born in 1827, served two terms as sheriff, 1850-52 and 1854-56. In 1856 he married Laura Delaney Roberts. William went on to serve as Justice of the Inferior Court from 1857 to 1861.

About 1850 the house in which I was born was built, almost certainly by William Cox. William started his family here. We know that William's bachelor son, William Augustus Cox, known as "Bart" or "Barlow" lived in it before 1890. I was told about 1940 that the house was "a hundred years old." This house was on Dalton St., almost opposite

Mulberry St. and stood until 1967. Ward makes reference to the “Old Bart Cox place” two miles north of Ellijay; about which we know nothing today. William and Laura had four children, two boys and two girls, between 1857 and 1863.

William wrote the Governor of Georgia in January, 1863 requesting appointment as quartermaster in the 1st regiment of state troops, having already volunteered in a Gilmer company. He was granted a commission as 2nd lieutenant. This seems to have been a “home guard” group. Apparently in this capacity at wars’ end in 1865, he was shot and killed. His oldest, “Mart,” was eight and his youngest, “Bart”, was two with the girls in between. Their mother Laura, at age 24, became head of the household and raised them. She was the second Cox mother left to raise young children. She lived until 1886.

After the girls married they raised sizable families of their own in Ellijay. “Aunt Puey’s” husband, John Perry, an attorney in Ellijay, served as Mayor and in the Legislature. They had four children one of whom, Howard, was still living in Ellijay in 1991. I met his daughter “Mary Beth” Bice at the Apple Festival in Ellijay about 1989. Another of their children, Ethel Perry, never married and taught school in Ellijay; one of her students: Sue Cox.

Aunt Kate’s husband, T. H. Tabor, was the Ellijay correspondent for the Atlanta Constitution. I have some pages of a scrapbook which he apparently kept of his printed contributions. He seemed to specialize in marriages and obituaries, even collecting others works when they had language suitable to his purpose. The chronicles which I have deal mostly with marriages and deaths in the Cox family. I suspect that Aunt Kate passed these to the Coxes. Aunt Neat gave me what I have in 1974. T. H. Tabor was also an inventor, educator and shrewd businessman. He built a large home in Ellijay on the east side of Dalton St. (At the corner of Tabor Street.) This had originally been Cox property.

Mart and Bart matured to the land holdings that their mother had managed to retain. We don’t have any data to suggest how these brothers made their livings. Ward mentions their having a “store” in about 1875-1880 time frame. What they sold we don’t know.

They both held public office though Bart much more so; In fact, Bart seems to have taken a large interest in politics; attended Democratic

gatherings, did active politicking about the county on his horse, and seems to have headed a “local faction” from time to time.

Mart was Gilmer Co. sheriff from 1887 to 1891 while Bart successively served as postmaster in 1885, clerk of the Superior Court 1890-1900, 1910-12 as an Ordinary 1912-16. At his death in 1923 Bart was counted as one of Gilmer’s wealthiest citizens. Some of this wealth was in land; as the saying goes: “He owned half the county.”

William and Laura’s children:

3A Mary Elizabeth Cox, “Aunt Puey” (b 12-28-1858 Ellijay, d 5-31-1933 Ellijay)

m

John Phillip Perry (b 11-25-1858, d 11-24-1903)

their children:

4A Phillip Cox Perry (lived in Oklahoma)

m

their children:

5A John Perry

5B Richard Perry

4B Ethel Perry (b 12-6-1888, Ellijay, d 6-1-1977, Ellijay)
(never married, school teacher Ellijay)

4C Howard Perry (5-30-1895, Ellijay, d 4-17-1993, Ellijay)

m

Ida Simmons (b 7-18-1895, d 6-1-1977)

their children:

5A Phillip Cox Perry II (b 9-27-1927, Ellijay, d 10-17-1927, Ellijay)

5B Mary Elizabeth Perry “Mary Beth”

m (lives in Hixson, TN)

_____Bice

5C Phillip Cox Perry II

5D Unnamed daughter, died an infant

4D Ruth Perry (b 1-3-1898, Ellijay, d 6-2-1978)

(One of the compilers of this data)

m

Claude W. Cornelius

3B Laura Catherine Cox “Aunt Kate” (b 1-9-1861, Ellijay, d 3-7-1941, Ellijay)

m 1-1-1882

Thomas Harley Tabor (b 5-10-1855, Gilmer Co., d 4-26-1926, Gainesville, GA)

their children:

4A Herbert Tabor (b 3-29-1882, Ellijay, d 5-30-1978, Ellijay)

m 1)

Ruby Stevens

their children:

5A Harold Tabor

5B Robert Tabor

5C Laura Catherine Tabor

4A m 2)

Frances Turner

4B Fred Cox Tabor (b c 1885, d 3-10-1962, Cordele, GA)

m

Irene Tuck

their children:

5A Hazel Tabor

5B Nina Claire Tabor

5C

4C Eunice Tabor

m (lived in Tignall, GA)

J. Howard Jackson

their children:

5A Howard Tabor Jackson

5B Laura Catherine Jackson

5C _____ (daughter)

3C William Augustus Cox, "Bart" or "Barlow" (b 1-20-1863, Ellijay
d 11-30-1923 Ellijay. Bachelor)

3D Marcus Lafayette Cox, Sr. "Mart" or "Mark" (b 6-3-1857, Ellijay,
d 3-22-1915 Ellijay)

m 3-10-1878

Mary or "Minnie" Frances **Cobb** "Ma Cox" (b 2-1-1860

Pickens Co. GA, d 10-11-1944 Ellijay) (see pp 53)

Mart married Mary Frances Cobb in 1878. Shortly afterward in 1882 he built the big two story house that was to be the Cox landmark in Ellijay for many years. Bart apparently stayed in the more modest cottage slightly closer to the town square in Ellijay.

Mart also built a mill alongside Cox Creek a few blocks further north in 1886. This was of the overshot design where water from further up the creek entered a 1000 ft long trestle-supported flume and poured onto the top of the wheel.

Mart and Mary Frances (later to be known to everybody as “Ma Cox”) had children like clockwork every two years from 1878 to 1898, eleven in all, of whom 9 reached adulthood. All nine received better than average educations for that time. All the girls seem to have gone to “finishing” school; Berta, for example attended Monroe Female college in Forsyth, Georgia.

Mary Wilmot, called “Willie”, was the eldest child and never married. She seems to have spent most of her active adult years in Atlanta supporting herself independently in a variety of capacities; hotel clerk, some work for the state and some perhaps for the city.

Lillie Kate (Lillie) came next. She married Bruce Crawford in 1906, had two children, both girls, before Bruce died in 1910. They had lived in Blue Ridge, Georgia. But she and the girls relocated first to Ellijay and then to Atlanta when the girls were grown and they lived out their lives in Atlanta.

Next was Laura Pearl (Pearl) who never married. She stayed “at home” and worked for years as a clerk in Logan’s General Merchandise store, on the square in Ellijay.

Clarence Goolsby (“Doc”) went to Atlanta Medical College, married Mary Ruth Edwards and after practicing in Ellijay for a few years moved to Milledgeville to go on the staff at the State Hospital there. They had three children. He was asphyxiated, and she almost, by a malfunctioning furnace in a new house in 1949. He had spent the WW I years in the Army.

The next child, Minnie Berta (“Berta”) married T. J. Harlan. They lived for a short while in Etowah, Tennessee, but settled and raised their two boys in Paris, Kentucky.

Charlie Columbus Cox married Lilla Allred from nearby Jasper, Georgia, and they settled in Ellijay where their children were born. For a while they lived in a newer home next to the old William and Bart house on Dalton St. But this house burned in about 1928 and they relocated permanently to Atlanta in 1935.

Mart and Ma Cox named their next son Marcus L. Cox Jr. He was to be the father of John, Sue and “Mel” (M. L. Cox III). He attended North Georgia Agricultural College in Dahlonega 1906-09. He is referred to as “Buster” or Bus, in the 1909 year book, when he was president of his class, “A Class.” This was also a quasi-military school. Bus’ brother Charlie was enrolled there at the same time. We don’t know how much longer he may have attended NGAC. More of his story later.

The next child, Manley, also went off to school and became a pharmacist. He married Juanita Harlan in Paris, Kentucky in 1927. She was related to T. J. Harlan, who married Manley's older sister, Berta. Although they spent most of their married life in Ellijay, they did move around a bit. Their son Joe, was born in Atlanta in 1929.

The next child, Cecil (b 1896) lived only three years.

The next and last was Edith Glenn Cox who married H. B. Williams. They seem to have lived all their lives in Atlanta. They had no children.

So in about 1910, Mart and Minnie have nine children in the Ellijay area ranging in age from 32 to 12. some are away in school but few are married, one is a young widow but most are close to home.

Mart's two sisters, now Tabors and Perrys, also have growing families in Ellijay. Bart is becoming a successful land owner and politician.

And, John L. and Kansie Hamby are new on the street with their children, Frank, 15 and Cora 13. In Ellijay, Fate went into the retail hardware business and was at least moderately successful. He and Kansie had no more children but they bought a large two story home, on Dalton Street. The Hamby house was on the west side near the turn to the west.

The years of 1914 and 1915 shook these families badly. Cora Hamby had married Bus Cox in January 1913, and had a son, William, in Jan, 1914. Little William died in October of 1914. What could be more heartbreaking?

Well, On Christmas eve of 1914, Frank Hamby, 19, with a full tank of moonshine, went out on a spree, got pistols and shells from his father's store and started shooting up the town in real old-wild-west fashion. In the process he shot and killed a young man named Herschel Teem of a well known Ellijay family.

Herschel had been engaged to marry Miss Pearl Cox. She never married.

Frank was wounded by someone else and eventually recovered. Of course the Hambys and Coxes and all the rest of Ellijay were appalled. I don't know how Frank's prosecution for this proceeded. I imagine that his father's influence (and probably money) and, strange as it seems, probable help from the Coxes (Bart Cox was ordinary at the time), got Frank committed to the "State Farm" in Milledgeville.

Fate and Kansie might have considered leaving Ellijay, but they stuck it out, and they remained, or became, highly respected members of the community.

And then M.L. Cox, Sr. died in March of 1915.

Bus and Cora had gone to Clayton and the "Earl House" on their honeymoon and had met another couple, also on their honeymoon. This couple was Ward and Ferol Chapman of Atlanta. The two couples became very close friends. 'Twas the Chapmans perhaps who suggested to Bus and Cora that they move to Atlanta and get away from the sadness in Ellijay. In any case they did move to Atlanta and Bus went to work for the IRS, at that time heavily involved with enforcing liquor laws. We have a photo of Bus in that office dated Jan 7, 1915, and another of the staff outside undated.

When the US entered WW I in 1917 Frank was paroled (or pardoned) to join the Marine Corps. In 1918 he was in the 95th Company 6th Marines attached to the Army 2nd ("Indian Head") division. He stayed on in the Army of Occupation in Germany for a year or two.

Bus and Cora moved back to Ellijay before John was born in November of 1919. On return to Ellijay they moved into the old house that William had built with Uncle Bart. Sue recalls that she had heard that their move was at Bart's behest so that Bus "could manage Bart's property." At some point Bus went to work for the L & N Railroad as investigator or detective. This entailed lots of rail travel but L & N served Ellijay so commuting as needed was fairly easy.

Uncle Bart died in 1924. Bus and his two older brothers, Clarence and Charlie, were named executors of the will that specified that his estate was to be divided equally amongst Mart's children, i.e. Bart's nieces and nephews. This inevitably led to some squabbles over whether to sell or not to sell, and who might get what property. Even some in-laws got in on this. Some rifts that formed at that time seem

to have lasted into the rest of their lives, and even to some of the next generation.

In any case the division of Bart's estate was eventually done and Bus owned the old house.

It seems some contingent of the Hambys including Cora & kids visited Clayton often during the 1920s. Cora at times drove Fate and her kids over the mountains in some kind of early automobile, probably a Model T Ford. Buss' L & N connection made rail travel easy and the young family also traveled to Kentucky and Atlanta.

But things soured for Bus and Cora. By the summer of 1931 a "vacation" for Cora and the kids was arranged and they visited with Uncle Frank in Jacksonville who had married Edith Ellington of Ellijay in 1924. At this time Uncle Frank and Aunt Edith lived on Hubbard St. near the corner of 8th street.

The "vacation" over, things in Ellijay were no better so by early September Cora and kids had permanently abandoned Ellijay. So Ellijay and its people no longer put things into my young head. This event, like closing a curtain on one life—and opening the curtain on another, provides a "separator" of my memories into two parts. Of the first, what do I remember? I remember that as we left the house in Ellijay (the one that William built) I left a toy farm tractor, made of metal with a couple of rubber bands around it, on the kitchen table. I had meant to bring it with me. That seems to be the only thing I missed about Ellijay; it took weeks for my request to get back to Ellijay and for someone to send it to me.

In my mind's eye I have many tiny scraps of scenes of Ellijay streets, of certain rooms, of a house, or a tree, or a fence. When I first returned to Ellijay in 1940, some of these turned out to be valid.

I remember the interior of Grandad's (Grandad is "Fate" Hamby) hardware store.

I remember Daddy making me "snow cream" during a big snow fall: a dish on the back porch to collect snow, a dash of vanilla, some sugar and a little milk.

I remember Uncle Frank's WW I souvenirs in a room at Grandad's house: helmet, gas mask, some uniform items, etc.

I remember men chipping mortar off of usable bricks after Uncle Charlie's house burned down next door.

During a time when they were grading Dalton Street, I remember piling clay on my bare foot so that it made a "frog house" when I pulled my foot out.

I remember a trip to the barber shop with Daddy.

I remember a walk to the square with Aunt Willie, me all dressed up, when I messed my pants real bad—down to my socks and shoes.

My Daddy called me "Goober."

I remember a trip to Clayton, the Earl House, the pond and my Great Grandfather Earl.

I remember the little Penland girl (Jean) who lived across the street and was my "playmate."

Ward says that Grandad sold his hardware store on Sept. 7, 1928 and that an airplane operated out of Gentry's fields carrying passengers on Sept. 16th. I remember Grandad taking John and Sue and me down to a field and buying us a ride in a biplane. We sat 3 across in the back seat with one seat belt. I remember looking down at an open girder type bridge somewhere. When I was 2 years old? I swear it!

Ma Cox had a big electric refrigerator with the condenser coils wrapped in a big circle on the top. When I went back in 1940 it was still there, and they were still making ice cream in the trays.

I remember trying to smoke rabbit tobacco, corn silks and even dry sycamore leaves, probably with help from John or Sue or some cousin.

I remember an excursion or two out to a camp that the Hudsons had down by one river or another and seeing a big snake.

I remember a big "police" dog that John had for a while, that wouldn't stay tied up and wouldn't let anybody tussle or wrestle with John.

I remember a tire swing in the apple tree behind the house.

I remember watching the blacksmith work in his shop that was just a little way from our house toward town.

I remember a trip to Atlanta, the Fox Theater (with fake stars in the ceiling) and a visit to Mamaw's (Kansie is now "Mamaw") hospital room, at Crawford Long, I think. This may also be the occasion of my memory of a visit with the Chapmans ("Aunt" Ferol, "Uncle" Ward) during Christmas in Atlanta.

I recall trying to play "jacks" with Sue and cousins Kathleen, Christine and Mark Cox.

I'm actually surprised at the length of the list of above memories of Ellijay. But to what point? I can't think of any way that any of that had much influence on my future.

Cora and the kids moving to Florida was not the kind of earth shattering event that made the headlines in Ellijay, so life there continued to wend its way.

At some point in the '30s Bus moved to Atlanta where his eldest sister Willie took him under her wing. They lived in a rather run-down residential hotel, "The Luckie Hotel" on Luckie St. near the heart of downtown Atlanta. Coincidentally "Uncle" Ward Chapman lived there also since Aunt Ferol had taken her kids to Florida. After Bus died in 1947 Willie moved back to Ellijay and into the old house that William had built. She died in 1964.

Others of the Coxes also left Ellijay. Uncle Doc and family were in Milledgeville. Aunt Berta was settled in Paris Kentucky. Uncle Charlie and family moved to Atlanta in 1935. Aunt Edith married Henry Williams and they lived in Atlanta. Uncle Manley and Aunt Nita with son Joe were kind of like nomads, spend a year or two here, and a year or two there. Long visits in between at Ma Coxes house with Aunt Pearl, now an "old maid" who never left Ellijay. Manley and Neat moved back to Ellijay permanently about 1945 or so. And Uncle Manley practiced pharmacy wherever he was.

Ma Cox died in 1944. In 1994 only Aunt Neat was still in Ellijay living about 2 miles out the Dalton highway. When she died, she was the last of that generation of the Coxes. None of the next generation (mine) live in Ellijay. The Cox houses on Dalton Street are gone as is the Cox Mill. Cox Creek is still Cox Creek and the name Cox is on

many, many of the gravestones in the cemetery on the hill (my kids call it "Boot Hill".) Granddad Hamby and "Mamaw" stayed in the big old two story house that they had occupied about 1910. By 1928 Granddad had sold his hardware store, located on the square, and had gone back into business in a big old building on Dalton Street not far from the square. He gave that business up about 1938 and "re-tired". This was near the end of the great depression and retirement may be a kind way of saying that it was a losing business.

He bought an old cottage and some connected property, partly wooded partly cleared for farming. This was about two miles north toward Blue Ridge. He rebuilt the old cottage and added on, even cleared more land behind the house and down in a "bottom". They moved into this house about 1938 or 39 and he became a "gentleman farmer". Mule, plow, wagon, outhouse, fireplace heat and wood stove in the kitchen. No electricity or running water; no ice box, no ice. Water was from a hand crank well on the back porch. Grandad and Mamaw lived here when I visited with them in 1940 and 41. Through several years about this time Uncle Frank Hamby was spending lots of time with them helping out; Aunt Edith continued to work for the phone company in Jacksonville.

In about 1941 or 1942, Granddad built a new house about a half mile further out. This was where they lived until they died. Uncle Frank disposed of this house and most of its contents about 1953 after Mamaw died. This ended his extended visits to Ellijay and he went home to Jacksonville.

The children of Marcus L. Cox and Mary Frances Cobb:

4A Mary Wilmont Cox "Aunt Willie" (b 9-18-1878, Ellijay
d 6-3-1964 Ellijay) never married

4B Lillie Kate Cox "Aunt Lillie" (b 6-17-1880, d 5-13-1954, Atlanta)

m 11-14-1906 Ellijay (later moved to Atlanta)

Homer Bruce Crawford (b 7-19-1864, d 12-5-1910, Blue Ridge, GA)

their children:

5A Sara Frances Crawford (b 12-25-1907 Blue Ridge, GA, d 8-28-1962)

m 8-1936

Albert Henley Sturgess "Henley" (b 2-20-1895 NYC)

They had no children. (Lived in Atlanta.)

5B Montez Bruce Crawford "Tez" (b 4-28-1909,
Blue Ridge, GA, d 3-20-1973, Atlanta, GA)
her companion (lived in Atlanta)
Bess Nealey
4C Laura Pearl Cox "Aunt Pearl" (b 9-17-1882, Ellijay
d 9-12-1969, Gilmer Co.) Never married
4D William Cox (b 9-15-1884, Ellijay, d 9-9-1893, Ellijay)
4E Clarence Goolsby Cox "Doc" (b 12-18-1886, Ellijay,
d 12-2-1949, Milledgeville, GA)
m 7-28-1918 Ellijay (moved to Milledgeville, GA)
Mary Ruth Edwards (b 10-12-1891, Senoia, GA, d 3-25-1985)
their children:

5A Mary Louise Cox (b 7-17-1919, Ellijay
m1) 2-8-1942 Milledgeville, GA
Zachariah Sweeney Sikes Jr. (b 9-30-1915, Augusta, GA,

d)

their children:

6A Mary Louise Sikes (b 1942, Milledgeville, GA)
6B James Clarence Sikes (b 1945, Augusta, GA)
6C Ruth Cox Sikes (b 1952, Macon, GA)
m2)

Morton Bryant
They live in Macon, GA.

5B Laura Cathryn Cox (b 2-22-1921, Ellijay)
m 1946 Milledgeville, GA
John Loring Rothery (b 9-16-1920, Boston, MA)
They live in Stuart, FL.

their children:

6A Laura Cathryn Rothery "Kate" (b 1950, Boston, MA)
6B Louise Edwards Rothery (b 1951, Boston, MA)
m 9-16-1989, Manchester, MA
Wayne Norman Peterson

6C Sara Penecost Rothery 'Sally' (b 11-29-1956, Bos-
ton, MA, d 8-12-1991)

m 7-28-1985, Palo Alto, CA

David Crane

their child:

7A Elizabeth Rothery Crane (b 1988)

5C James Clarence Cox (b 1929, Milledgeville, GA)
m1) 7-6-1952 div 1-1973 (Lived in Milledgeville, GA)
Avis Olleen Martin "Marty"
(b 1933, near Athens, GA)

their children:

6A Laura Cathryn Cox (b 1953 Milledgeville, GA)
lives in Saltville, VA

6B Lisa Ruth Cox (b 1956, Milledgeville, GA)
m 8-15-81 Maxwell AFB, Alabama
Michael Gregory Conn (career USAF)

their children:

7A Ashley Conn (b 1984)

7B Allison Conn (b 1985)

6C James Clarence Cox, Jr. (b 1961, Milledgeville, GA)
(career USAF)

m1) 1981 div 1991

Lisa Trudel from MA.

their children

7A Cailyn Cox (b. 1982)

7B Cathryn Cox (b. 1985)

6C m2) 1993

Tonya Wilson (Career USAF)

her child

7C Josh Wilson (b. 1988)

5C (James Clarence Cox)

m2) 11-29-75 (They live in Bolivar, TN)

Elaine Nichols

her children (previous marriage):

6D Janice Elaine Stacks (b. 1957)

6E Gregory Lynn Stacks (b. 1961)

4F Minnie Berta Cox (b 12-16-1888, Ellijay, d 2-2-1981, Paris, KY)
m 12-24-1915, Etowah, TN

Thomas Jeffries Harlan (b 11-22-1866, Albemarle
Co., VA, near Scottsville, VA, d 8-23-1956, Paris, KY) (see pp 57
for their children see pp 58)

4G Charlie Columbus Cox (b 7-8-1890, Ellijay, d 7-27-1944, At-
lanta, GA)

m 2-23-1919

Lilla Mae Allred (b 10-29-1894, Jasper, GA, d 3-14-1984)

their children:

5A Glenora Kathleen Cox (b 6-2-1920, Ellijay)

m 9-6-1942, St. George, SC

Jerry Emerson Upchurch (b 6-21-1917 Atlanta, d 11-6-92,

AZ)

(Jerry was career USAF for 30 years, retired to Tucson,

AZ.)

their children:

6A David Emerson Upchurch (b 1946 Atlanta)
 m 6-8-1968
 Elaine Rose McDaniel
their child:
 7A Nathanael Emerson Upchurch (b 1978)

6B Virginia Kathleen Upchurch (b 1957, Omaha, NB)
 m 10-27-1984
 Larry Dean Larsen (b 1958, Chicago, IL)
their children:
 7A David Emery Larsen (b 1988 twin)
 7B Kathleen May Larsen (b 1988 twin)
 7C Andrew Mark Larsen (b 1989)
 7D Matthew Randel Larsen (b 1991)

5B Christine Cox (b 2-13-1922, Ellijay, d 4-14-1985)
 m 9-18-1942, Atlanta
 Joseph Spratt Rhyne (b 10-23-1915, Gastonia, NC)
their children:
 6A Joseph Spratt Rhyne Jr. (b 1946, Mineola, NY)
 m1) 9-7-1974 div
 Marta Fleming
they had no children
 m2) 9-9-1988
 Judy Stroud
they had no children

6B Charles Bruce Rhyne (b 1948, Atlanta, GA)
 m 12-12-1970
 Jennifer Grove
their children:
 7A Zachary Charles Rhyne (b 1977)
 7B Andrew Joseph Rhyne (b 1978)

6C Patricia Christine Rhyne (b 1950, Atlanta, GA)
 m 9-5-1970 div
 Gary Ellerbrock
their children:
 7A Jacob Rhyne Ellerbrock (b 1973)
 7B Jared Daniel Ellerbrock (b 1976)
 7C David Joseph Ellerbrock (b 1978)

5C Marcus William Cox (b 9-16-1923, Ellijay, d)
 m 2-12-1946, Savannah, GA
 Doris Peters (b 6-8-1919, Lodge, SC)
their children:
 6A William Larry Cox (b 1947, Charleston, SC)
 6B Kathryn Jane Cox (b 1950, Atlanta, GA)

4H Marcus Lafayette Cox, Jr. "Buss"

(b 2-3-1892, Ellijay, d 10-27-1947, Atlanta)

m 1-29-1913 Ellijay, GA

Cora Lee **Hamby** (b 11-15-1897, Clayton, GA

d 12-12-1988, Melbourne, FL) (see pp 36)

Cora left Buss in 1931 and took their children to Orlando,

FL.

their children:

5A William Augustus Cox (b 1-16-1914, Ellijay, d 10-14-1914,

Ellijay)

5B John Hamby Cox (b 11-29-1919, Ellijay) (John was career

USMC.

After retirement lived in Atlanta.)

m 7-8-1946, Folkston, GA

Anieta Wimble (b 3-19-1912, Brownstown, IN, d 2-4-1989,

Atlanta)

5C Sue Betty Cox (b 11-13-1921, Ellijay, GA)

m 1-30-1943 Orlando, FL

Richard Thomas Giblin III "Dick" (b 6-19-1918, Chicago, IL,

d 11-11-1993, Highland, CA, during a visit)

Dick was career USAF. After retirement they lived in

Highland, CA, later in Indian Harbor Beach, FL

their children:

6A Richard Thomas Giblin IV (b 11-16-1943, Orlando, FL)

(Richard was career USAF.)

m 1) 6-17-1967, Omaha, NB

Lynda Kay Johnson (b 9-28-1945, Greenville, NC)

their child:

7A Richard Thomas Giblin V (b 1972, Apple Valley, CA)

6A (Richard Thomas Giblin IV)

m 2) 4-26-1983 Scottsdale, AZ

Jacquelyn (née Sparks) Seavers

(a widow) (b 1947 Bluffington, IN)

her children (prev m):

7B Holly Marie Seavers (b 72)

7C Lorie Seavers (b 73)

7D Melissa Seavers (b 77)

their child:

7E Matthew Keith Giblin (b 1985, Germany)

6B John Marcus Giblin "John"

(b 1947, McDill AFB, Tampa, FL)

Unmarried: lives in San Bernadino, CA

6C Michael Stephen Giblin "Mike"

1994) (b 1951, Castle AFB, Merced, CA Active USAF in
 m 4-16-1982, Bryan, Ohio
 Juliet Donohue (b 1955, Port Lyautey, Morocco)
 (Child of Elwood & Rachel Donohue)
their children:
 7A Sydney Allison Giblin (b 1990, Omaha, NB)
 7B Erin Glynis Giblin (b 1993, Rockledge, FL)
 5D Marcus Lafayette Cox III "Mel" (b 5-4-1926, Ellijay, GA)
 (Compiler of this list. Lives in Melbourne, FL.)
 m 1) 2-25-1947 Orlando, FL
 Etta Joyce Poole "Joyce" (b 1927, Atlanta, GA)
 (daughter of James Stubbs Poole Jr. m Ruby Mayo)
their children:
 6A James Marcus Cox "Jamie" (b 1956, Melbourne, FL)
 (Typed this list. Lives in Melbourne, FL)
 m 4-16-1977, Melbourne, FL
 Karen Kristine Voorhees (b 1955, Pratt, KS)
their child:
 7A Bryan Matthew Cox (b 1982, Melbourne, FL)
 6B Stephen John Cox, "Steve" (b 1963, Melbourne, FL)
 Steve is unmarried and lives in Melbourne, FL.
 5D (Marcus Lafayette Cox III)
 m 2) 12-10-1982, Sebastian Pines, FL
 Gertrude Maxine Updegraff, née Embrey, a widow (b 11-9-
 30 Williamsport, PA, d 11-19-1992, Melbourne, FL)
her children (prev. marriages):
 6C Robert Edwin Nagle (b 6-13-1948, Williamsport, PA, d 1-
 22-1975)
 m
 Bonnie Jean Lutz
their children:
 7A Andrea Renee Nagle (b 1970)
 7B Amy N. Lambert
 6D Seth Foresman Updegraff III (b 1953, Williamsport, PA)
 m 1) 2-7-1974, Birdsboro, PA div
 Joanne Mercille (b 1955)
their child:
 7A Seth Foresman Updegraff IV
 (b 1979, Williamsport, PA)
 6D (Seth Foresman Updegraff III)
 m 2) (Live in Merritt Island, FL)
 Judith Vanessa Aldrich (b 8-19-59, Milford, MA)

drich (daughter of Frederick Joseph & Colleen Hickey Al-

of East Dennis, MA)

6E Kurt Allen Updegraff (b 63)

m 11-18-1992, Melbourne, FL

Teri Lynne Gallegos (b 9-25-1965, Los Angeles, CA)

their child

7A Thresha Marie Updegraff

(b 1982, Coeur DeÁlene, Idaho)

4I Manley Augustus Cox (b 11-3-1894, Ellijay, d 8-6-1978, Ellijay)

m 1-23-1927 Paris, KY

Juanita Harlan, “Aunt Neat” (b 3-5-1901, New Castle, Henry

Co, KY,

d 5-16-1994, Gilmer Co. GA)

their child:

5A Joseph Carroll Cox “Joe” (b 7-17-1929, Atlanta, GA

d 4-27-1982, Gurnee, IL)

m 12-30-1954, Blakely, GA

Patricia Correll (b 1-7-1934 Earley Co., near Blakely, GA)

their children:

6A Joseph Carroll Cox Jr. “Sam” (b 1958, Huntsville, AL)

m 1-1-1987

Monica Ray Bell (b 1964)

their children:

7A Joseph Carroll Cox, III “Jack” (b 1987 CA)

7B Kelly Machele Cox (b 1989, Fort Devens, MA)

6B George Augustus Cox “Gus” (b 1960, Huntsville, AL)

4J Cecil Cox (b 10-8-1896 Ellijay, d 10-3-1899, Ellijay)

4K Edith Glenn Cox (b 1-14-1898, Ellijay, d 2-6-1989, Atlanta, GA)

m 7-4-1925 Atlanta, GA

Henry Bethea Williams (b 1-13-1894, Lake City, SC, d 8-13-

1967)

They had no children, lived in Atlanta.

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